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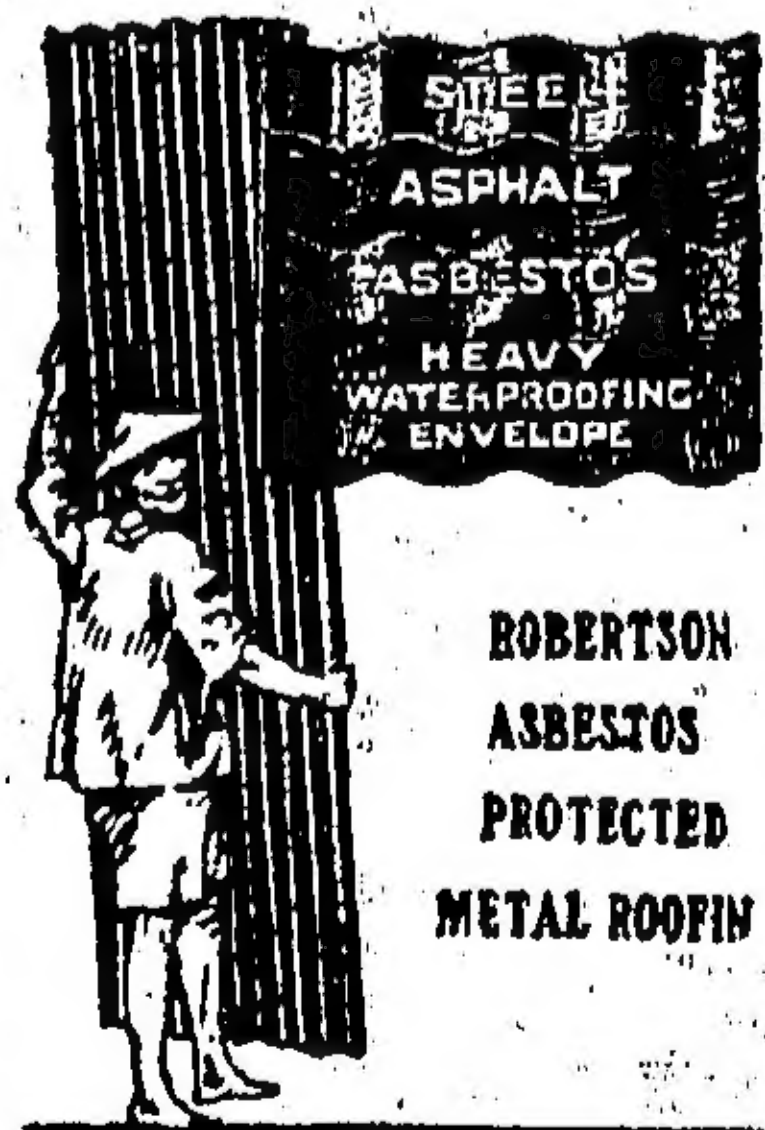


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SMILES IN COURT.

COUNSEL'S MICROSCOPIC
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ATHERLEY TRIAL INCIDENTS.

Smiles at the Criminal Sessions this morning greeted the bringing out by prosecuting counsel, Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist) of a microscope to assist in cross-examination at the eighth day of the hearing against James Edward Atherley of charges of misappropriation of moneys belonging to Getz Bros. of the Orient, Ltd., with whom he was formerly manager in Hongkong.

Mr. Elsiey Zeitlyn (instructed by Messrs. Hall & Hind for the defence) argued that Mr. Jenkin was paving the way to calling expert evidence but His Lordship (Sir Henry Gwynne Gollan, Chief Justice) disagreed. Mr. Jenkin remarked that as such an astounding defence had been brought forward at the Police Court stage, the defence should have been prepared. To this Mr. Zeitlyn replied by addressing His Lordship to the effect that Mr. Jenkin had "harpooned" on this several times but he was not going to be tempted to express an opinion as to whether prisoner had done rightly by placing himself in his solicitor's hands; it was the customary practice for solicitors to reserve their defence for the later proceedings.

Prisoner's Signatures.

In the witness-box, Atherley had been asked to sit at counsel's table and sign his name a number of times for Mr. Jenkin to demonstrate, in reply to an allegation that the company's chop on an important document had been superimposed after signature, the word "forgery" being used several times this morning.

While Mr. Jenkin looked through a magnifying glass Mr. Zeitlyn passed up a slip to His Lordship whereupon Mr. Jenkin intervened: "Mr. Zeitlyn, you really mustn't help yourself to my paper; this is some of my private memoranda."

Six Jurymen Sit.

When the Court opened, His Lordship informed the jury that their foreman, Mr. P. M. N. da Silva—whose absence through illness had caused a blank day yesterday—was quite unable to stand the strain of sitting any longer and had to retire from service. Under section 22 of the Jurors Ordinance of 1887, His Lordship had power, in the case of death, illness or default of one or two jurymen, to order the trial to proceed. In the circumstances he therefore made that order and asked that a new foreman be elected.

Mr. E. A. Simon became the new foreman and the trial continued with only six jurors.

Cross-Examination Ends.

Before the tiffin adjournment Mr. Jenkin indicated that with the possible exception of a few more small questions, his cross-examination of Atherley had ended.

As Mr. Zeitlyn had asked permission for the case to be adjourned till tomorrow morning instead of this afternoon, His Lordship suggested that these questions be held over. His Lordship also intimated that in consequence of something Mr. Zeitlyn had said to him, he would not ask counsel to continue this afternoon, as he did not want to deprive prisoner of the greatest ability his counsel could put to his aid in such an important re-examination.

Accordingly the case will continue tomorrow morning when Mr. Zeitlyn begins re-examination of Mr. Atherley (as a witness for the defence).

Puzzles in Envelopes.

Continuing his cross-examination this morning, Mr. Jenkin questioned Atherley as to his allegations in certain books and documents (Court exhibits) that such were forgeries. As regarded two items, Atherley withdrew.

A hubbub of excitement went round the spectators when Atherley, answering counsel, said that he signed with his fountain pen which was now in Kowloon, used Brother's blue-black ink and the ordinary desk blotter—but nothing else.

ARMS HAUL.

DEVELOPMENTS AT THE
MAGISTRACY.

TWELVE SEAMEN CHARGED.

One of the developments in the arms seizure reported in the "China Mail" yesterday was the appearance of twelve members of the crew of the s.s. "Benavon" before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning on charges of unlawful possession of the weapons and ammunition.

Eight men were charged separately in respect of a total of nine revolvers and nearly 1,000 rounds of ammunition. Mr. D. McCallum, defending, tendered a plea of not guilty and asked for a date to be fixed for hearing.

Four others were charged with being in unlawful possession of a portion of the arms.

Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke said that the arms were found in bags and rattan baskets forming the ordinary seamen's kit. The alleged owners of these packages had gone ashore while the raid was in progress and some of them were later arrested by the police.

It was stated by Detective Inspector T. Murphy that the four men charged together disclaimed ownership of the packages. These bore no marks to connect the men with the charge. He asked for time to get together sufficient evidence to substantiate the charge, failing which he would ask for their discharge.

Hearing of the cases was adjourned until Tuesday.

then took down a list of dates and amounts dictated by Mr. Jenkin.

Then Mr. Jenkin produced six sealed envelopes, each with two small slits (through which figures could be seen), one in the middle and at the "postage stamp" corner.

"Coincidence of Figures."

Some of the figures Atherley admitted were his, or like his, but he denied others.

At considerable length, Mr. Jenkin went into detail regarding the figures on the sheets inside envelopes which were subsequently opened.

Mr. Jenkin asked if it was a coincidence that some figures, totalled together, were the same as the amount of a cheque given by Atherley to the comrade on the same day. Atherley replied that he could give no account. Another reply was "I frankly acknowledge I don't understand the document. The initials look like mine. Even Mrs. Atherley can make my initials."

Here Mr. Jenkin retorted that Mrs. Atherley had nothing to do with the case, adding "don't bring your wife into it."

"Taiwan's Signatures."

Mr. Jenkin described how "an employer" would "normally" sign a document prepared by an employee.

The normal method was to put the firm's chop on first and then to add the signature. In this case the ink of the pen runs into the ink of the chop.

If, on the other hand, one signed first and then added the chop, there was no mixing of ink, said Mr. Jenkin.

Atherley was then asked to sign in both ways and specimens were submitted to His Lordship and the jury. Witness maintained that he could not distinguish the "running" Mr. Jenkin indicated but admitted that there were blurs.

"Ridiculous Question."

A deposit slip with some figures at the foot was handed to Atherley who replied that at the time the slip was made out it had nothing to do with him and to-day was the first time he had seen it. He knew nothing about it and could venture no explanation.

Mr. Jenkin put it that the amounts represented moneys misappropriated by Atherley and refunded. Whereupon Atherley said, with a little emphasis: "That is a ridiculous question to ask me. Mr. Jenkin, when I know nothing about the slip."

PLUCKY GIRL.

FRUSTRATES LOCAL ARMED
ROBBERY.

CLEVER RUSE NO AVAIL.

A clever ruse—as old as the hills—of pretending to chase with the hounds was of no avail to two alleged armed robbers who were arrested at Temple Street, Yau-mat, yesterday, through the pluck and presence of mind of a 7-year-old servant girl.

The second floor had been entered by men who bound and gagged her—the only occupant. As the gang ransacked a cubicle she kicked free her bonds, turned partially over, bit off the cloth round her wrists and began to run, undoing the gag as she pushed pell-mell down the stairs.

In the street she called out "armed robbery," drawing the attention of a Chinese detective and two Shantung constables. Two men then came down the stairs, taking up the cry and indicating to the detective that "upstairs" was the place. Not to be deceived the officer searched them and found a dagger. The two men were arrested. Headquarters state that all the property has been recovered.

One of the arrests is said to be an ex-constable, dismissed 7 years ago.

A WATER RAT.

AMUSING INCIDENT AT
SHAUKIWAN.

CHASE IN A SAMPAN.

Stealing a harbour craft is not an every day occurrence, but this was what a Shaukwan fisherman actually lost when a Chinese rowed away in his sampan yesterday morning. The self-proclaimed owner immediately did a round of the harbour junks, the real object of the man being to provide the means by which he could board these vessels and appropriate anything that was useful.

Snatching two jackets from a junk, the man hurriedly made his escape when he found that his visit had awakened the crew. The junk people gave chase in another sampan and closed in on the runaway, who thereupon dived into the water and swam ashore. Here he was caught.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, defendant pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing the sampan and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour. The jackets were not recovered, and the Magistrate (Mr. Lindell) thought there was only a suspicion of theft on a charge in this connection, which was dropped.

HONGKONG POLICE.

MR. WOLFE DUE BACK
SHORTLY.

ACTING OFFICER'S FURLOUGH.

After his long holiday at home, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe is now on the way out by the P. & O. "Mantua" due here in the first week of February. On his arrival he will resume his position as Captain Superintendent of Police.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., who has acted in this appointment in what has been a difficult period owing to the strike, will then leave on a well-earned furlough. It is a coincidence that he will also travel on the "Mantua" which sails for home on March 6.

A BAD SON.

ROBBED HIS OWN
FATHER.

IMPRISONMENT AS A LESSON.

A Chinese youth was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with stealing goods from his father's shop.

The father begged of His Worship to make an example of his son by sending him to prison where he was sure to learn a good lesson. He said, "he had treated the boy with fatherly consideration."

MINE DISASTERS.

HUNDREDS MEN ENTOMBED
IN AMERICA.

LITTLE HOPE OF RESCUE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Wilburton (Oklahoma), Jan. 13. A hundred miners are entombed as the result of a terrific explosion in a coal mine this morning.

There is little hope of their rescue. The force of the explosion was so great that timber was blown up from the bottom of the pit shaft.

Rescue Party at Work.

Wilburton, later. A rescue party, equipped with gas helmets, is attempting to reach the entombed men through an air shaft which is still open. It is reported that some of the victims have spoken to the rescuers through the shaft.

Eight Negroes Extricated.

Wilburton, later. Eight of the entombed men have been extricated alive. They are all negroes. There is little hope that their comrades have survived.

COAL COSTS.

ROYALTY TO THE OWNERS
DEFENDED.

WAGES NOT "MISERABLE."

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 13. At the resumption of the proceedings of the Coal Commission, Mr. Evan Williams, cross-examined by Mr. Herbert Smith, President of the Miners' Federation, said that he regarded the payment of six millions sterling yearly to royalty owners equally justifiable as the payment of pit wood. He refused to consider reducing the payment or nationalising the royalties. He denied that the miners were paid a miserable wage. He said that the owners did not desire to weaken or interfere with the Miners' Federation, but they refused to negotiate for a national agreement. He emphatically declared that there would be no real prosperity in the country until railway costs were brought down.

OBITUARY.

MR. ERIC MUNROE
ROSS.

WELL KNOWN IN SHANGHAI.

News of the death yesterday whilst on board the s.s. "Morea" not far from home of Mr. Eric Munroe Ross, chartered accountant and Shanghai partner in the firm of Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, has reached the Hongkong office from London. A further message from the Shanghai office states that death was due to influenza.

The late Mr. Ross was a very popular member of the community in Shanghai and a well-known Club man, having held the office of Vice-Chairman for a number of years. He had been in Shanghai for twenty years during ten of which he had been partner in the firm. He served his articles in Edinburgh.

The late Mr. Ross at the time of his death was a little over 40 years of age. News of his death came as a great shock to his many friends in Shanghai and the Far East. When he passed through Hongkong about a month ago, the late Mr. Ross appeared to be in the best of health.

INDIAN KILLED.

MOTOR ACCIDENT AT
WANCHAI.

An Indian police guard named Jagendar Singh died almost immediately after he was knocked down by a motor lorry at Yau-mat Street, Wanchai, shortly after 6 p.m. yesterday.

Deceased was a well-known man in the Chinese Sugar Bazaar and had just left his house with some friends when the accident occurred.

EMPIRE INTERESTS.

AIMS OF THE OVER-SEAS
LEAGUE.

MR. ERIC RICE HERE.

COUNTERACTING BOLSHIEVIK
INFLUENCE.

Five hundred new members of the Over-Seas League have been enrolled since Mr. Eric Rice, the Assistant Secretary, set out on his travels through Burma, Siam, Malay States, Indo-China, etc., to stimulate interest in its work and in the course of his first full day's work here fifteen new members have been added to the list for Hongkong.

The Over-Seas League is the greatest League of its kind for British subjects. Mr. Eric Rice stated in the course of a chat with a "China Mail" representative. Although it is a non-sectarian and non-party organisation, its aim is to work by all means in its power for the good of the Empire and as a means of counteracting Bolsheviki influences.

There are already quite a large number of members of the League in Hongkong, further stated Mr. Rice, and it is with the idea of stimulating interest in the branch that his visit has been undertaken. He is anxious to meet all members of the League interested and hoped that they will communicate with him, c/o Government House.

As a means of re-awakening interest in the League in Hongkong, Mr. Rice thought that something might be done on the same lines as the party three years ago (Mr. Rice was then in Hongkong as private secretary to Sir R. E. Stubbs) when Sir Paul Chater had obligingly put the grounds of his house at the disposal of the branch and a very successful garden party had been held.

For those who do not know the aims and objects of the Over-Seas League it may be stated that its underlying motive is to promote the unity of British subjects, to maintain the power of the British Empire and hold to its best traditions, to promote patriotism in no spirit of hostility to any other nation, to encourage the organisation of Imperial education, to provide central places of meeting and social centres in London and elsewhere and to facilitate social intercourse between British subjects in the United Kingdom and Overseas.

Nearly sixty thousand members pay 10 shillings a year for the full privileges of membership which include the use of the Club premises at St. James's, one of the biggest Clubs in London with residential accommodation, restaurants, etc. The Club is recognised as the meeting place of British people home on leave. Members, too, have the privilege of having sent to them the Over-Seas monthly magazine which contains very fine pictorial records of places and happenings all over the world and articles on topical questions. First hand information concerning conditions will be given to members who apply in respect of positions in any part of the world, the best schools to which to send children, etc.

Whilst Mr. Rice is here principally for the purpose of emphasising the advantages which membership of the League affords, he has already noted with interest the completion of schemes which were in his infancy when he left two and a half years ago. For instance, he has now journeyed for the first time to Repulse Bay by the new road and to the Peak by Stubbs' Road.

CHAMBERLAIN ILL.

IMPROVEMENT IN GENERAL
CONDITION.

ANOTHER BRASSBURN BULLETIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rapallo, Jan. 13. To-day's bulletin states that Sir Anton Chamberlain continues to improve and his general condition is satisfactory. Chamberlain's condition is the further outlook is decidedly favourable.

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Annual General Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the above Company was held in Singapore, Mr. W. L. Watkins presiding. Others present were: Messrs. J. M. Sims, D. G. Ward, V. Clumeck, S. H. Moss and Capt. Daly.

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts the Chairman said: As usual all general expenditure has been debited to Revenue, a sum of \$25,000 has been redeemed in the Debiture issue, this being the limit of redemption up to date, according to the terms of the Debiture. An investment of \$70,000 has been made in S. S. Government Bonds.

It is very gratifying to the Directors to be able to present to the shareholders such a favourable report after some lean years. The profit made during the financial year is equal to 27 1/2 per cent. of the paid up capital.

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In the Directors' report at the close of the previous financial year, the shareholders were informed that an area of 107 acres had been acquired from Government; this has all been planted up, and the trees show a very satisfactory growth; this block adjoins the older part of Pajam Estate.

The crop harvested is lbs. 726,153, an increase of lbs. 165,933 over the preceding year. The all-in-cost is 33.84 cents. As to tapping it has not been found necessary to rest any part of the Estate, but care has been exercised so that the producing capacity of the trees should not be unduly taxed.

The bark-renewal has been universally good, and the general condition of the Estate is very satisfactory.

We have not found the manufacture of Sole Crepe sufficiently profitable to recommend the manufacture of this class of rubber, but should a change in the market take place, the opportunity will not be lost of turning attention to this branch. I may mention in connection with the return of normality in the production of rubber on February 1 next that an extension to our plant will be necessary but no great expenditure will be involved.

On the subject of Labour, which has loomed largely in the public prints for some time, especially at Home, the shareholders will be relieved to hear that Pajam Estate has never experienced difficulty in maintaining a sufficient labour force, Tamila entirely. Your Directors lay stress on this as being due to the healthy condition of the Estate and the constant care to conserve the well-being of the labour force. The health of those engaged in the work of the Estate has been satisfactory, and the number of admissions to the Estate Hospital continues to decrease.

The various buildings have, of course, been kept in good repair. I hardly think it necessary to remind you that appearances point to a period of prosperity in rubber cultivation for some distance ahead. Your Directors are not oblivious of the patience which the shareholders of long standing have had to endure. I feel safe in foretelling that interim distributions will be forthcoming during 1926.

Your Directors cannot speak too highly of the services of the European staff to whom the hearty thanks of the shareholders are due.

The motion having been duly carried, a dividend of 15 per cent. was declared.

Mr. Sims was re-elected director and Messrs. Evans and Co. were re-elected Auditors.

LATEST WILLS.

Lieut.-Col. J. B. Gaskill (77), of Woolton, Lancs, chemical manufacturer, one of original directors United Alkali Company, an extensive collector of Japanese Ivories, £225,254.

Mrs. Edith Buckell (74), of Knowle House, Preston Park, Brighton, Widow of Dr. Edward Buckell, £22,158.

Mr. William Baker, of Brighton, Sussex, retired wine merchant, £17,449.

ALOR GAJAH CO.

No Land For Extension.

At the annual general meeting of the above company Mr. J. M. Sims presided and others present were Messrs. E. Kong Guan, D. J. Ward, J. A. Duthie and Captain Daly.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts said: The profit for the year is \$37,608.45, and if you agree to the Directors' recommendations you will have received a 25 per cent. dividend for the year.

The area of the estate remains unaltered, and although your Directors have continually in view the extension of the estate to a more economic unit, it has been found impossible to obtain any planted or unplanted land in the near vicinity.

Your Directors have, however, had preliminary discussions on the advisability of the Company investing a proportion of our surplus funds in a large development scheme on up-to-date methods, and should such a scheme be finally decided upon, the shareholders will immediately be advised.

You will note that our Standard Assessment for the current year shows a very small increase indeed, and I am afraid that our present planted area is very near to the maximum producing stage. No capital expenditure was incurred, but as the Cooly Lines which were erected some 14 years ago are now in a somewhat dilapidated condition, an estimate for the current year of \$5,500 has been allowed for, for the replacement of those lines.

The estimated cost per pound ex Estate is 24.92 cents, and we have, as you will see from the report, sold forward 30 tons for 1926 at a price of \$1.27 per lb.

The figures in the Balance Sheet and profit and loss account are self-explanatory, and you will note that ample depreciation has been allowed for.

In concluding his last report on the property the Visiting Agent remarks: "I am very favourably impressed with the condition of the estate, and the Manager shows great keenness to obtain the best results."

Mr. Brearley continues to give us satisfaction, and you will note we have granted him a bonus which is equivalent to 2 1/4 per cent. on the profits for the year. The report and accounts were duly adopted.

A final dividend of 15 per cent. was declared, Mr. E. Kong Guan was re-elected a director and Messrs. Evans and Co. were re-appointed auditors.

STEEL TRADE.

Lord Furness and Hours of Work.

Speaking on the steel trade outlook at the annual meeting of the Cargo Fleet Iron Co. at Middlesbrough, Viscount Furness pointed out that local rates had increased 21 1/2 per cent., representing nearly 6s. per ton on steel costs. "Optimism without regard to the facts is misleading," he said, "and a review of all the circumstances of the trade as they exist to-day can only lead to the conclusion that steel cannot continue to be sold at present prices without serious losses being incurred."

The problem of the cost of production at sufficiently low prices to enable us to export in face of foreign competition, added Lord Furness, still remained unsolved, and he held that hours of work in the coal, iron, and steel trades would have to be revised.

Speaking afterwards at a meeting of the South Durham Steel Co., Lord Furness said the productive capacity of the plate mills in Britain was such that if the shipbuilders and other constructional engineers were fully employed and allowance made for exports, there was no reasonable prospect of all the mills being supplied with sufficient orders to enable them to produce at full capacity.

IRON INDUSTRY.

More Protection.

An extension may be made in the period for tax exemption for iron-works in Japan. Under the present system the foundries that have a minimum output capacity for pig-iron or steel of 5,250 French tons a year and have the equipment standardised under the law are eligible for exemption from business and income taxes for a period of ten years from the date of establishment. Producers hope that an extension may be made of seven to ten years in the period.

The Department of Commerce and Industry has not yet committed itself to any definite policy in the matter, but it is understood that

an extension of three to five years is considered as justified. Subject to unanimity of opinion on the extension, the Bill will be introduced into the Imperial Diet.

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" Breast	牛肉	lb.	24	20	13
" Soup	牛肉	lb.	22	20	13
" Steak	牛肉	lb.	30	24	12
" Steak Sirloin	牛肉	lb.	45	30	35
" Sausages	牛肉	lb.	40	26	20
Ballock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛舌	each	90	50	60
" Tongue, corned	牛舌	each	60	—	—
" Head	牛頭	lb.	24	18	14
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
" Hump, Salt	牛腰	lb.	20	18	—
" Feet	牛蹄	each	9	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腎	lb.	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	lb.	30	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	lb.	12	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭	set	12.20	11.00	10.00
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	55	33	—
" Leg	羊腿	lb.	55	33	—
" Shoulder	羊肩	lb.	55	34	—
" Saddle	羊鞍	lb.	55	—	—
Pig's Chindings	豬排	lb.	40	—	27
" Brains	豬腦	Per set	5	—	12
" Feet	豬蹄	lb.	22	15	—
" Fry	豬排	lb.	40	15	18
" Head	豬頭	lb.	24	20	—
" Heart	豬心	each	14	10	10
" Kidneys	豬腎	lb.	12	10	8
" Liver	豬肝	lb.	52	30	24
" Pork Chop	豬排	lb.	42	25	23
" Leg	豬腿	lb.	45	—	—
" Fat or Lard	豬油	lb.	48	28	27
" Suet	豬油	lb.	30	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭	per set	90	60	70
" Heart	羊心	each	15	8	7
" Kidneys	羊腎	lb.	15	12	10
" Liver	羊肝	lb.	55	25	25
Sucking Pig, to order	豬仔	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	豬油	lb.	30	20	18
" Mutton	豬油	lb.	55	24	24
Yeast	豬油	lb.	36	20	19
" Sausages	豬油	lb.	40	20	20
" No. 1.	豬油	lb.	32	—	—

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Barbel	魚	lb.	28	19	24
Bream	魚	lb.	20	16	—
Canton Fresh	魚	lb.	18	14	—
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Carp	魚	lb.	12	9	—
Catfish	魚	lb.	20	15	—
Codfish	魚	lb.	50	28	26
Crabs	魚	lb.	22	18	2
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	65	23	16
Dab	魚	lb.	20	10	9
Dog	魚	lb.	10	10	8
Doe Fish	魚	lb.	32	16	—
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Frog	魚	lb.	70	40	30
Gardrops	魚	lb.	24	18	15
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Trout	魚	lb.	55	28	35
Wrasse	魚	lb.	55	28	35
Shark	魚	lb.	40	22	22
Shark	魚	lb.	30	16	12

BIG SCOPE.

THE ONLY WOMAN
"VET."

SIR C. CUST'S SISTER.

On the borders of the New Forest there is living the only woman in the world who has ever practised as a veterinary surgeon. She is Miss Alice Cust, daughter of the late Sir Leopold Cust, and brother of Sir Charles Cust, an equerry to King George, with whom she served as a midshipman on the Britannia.

For twenty years Miss Cust carried on her profession at Abbeville, Co. Roscommon, where she built up one of the largest practices in the West of Ireland. So large, indeed, was it that she had to have four horses to enable her to cover the extensive area over which her practice extended. Only the constant riding of her horse and the generally unsettled state of the country caused her to come to England.

It was at Edinburgh that she first studied veterinary science; but not until the passing of the Sex Discrimination (Removal) Act of 1919 was Miss Cust enabled to take the diploma of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, such was the prejudice against women in the profession. In the war she did splendid work in the chief veterinary laboratory, trying to discover the nature of the disease responsible for carrying off so many British horses.

A WIDE FIELD.

Bacteriological research is indeed one branch of the veterinary profession which, in Miss Cust's opinion, women might advantageously take up. Far too little, she thinks, is known of this side of veterinary science, while there is also a wide field open for women who specialise in the disease of pigs and the smaller domestic animals. To deal with horses and cattle requires considerable physical strength, and although Miss Cust herself treated them for every possible ailment, it would, she considers, be beyond most women's powers.

With pet dogs and cats it is, however, quite different. Operations, when necessary, require lightness of touch more than strength, and such animals will make friends with a woman and let her do anything for them when they will have nothing to do with a man.

Diseases of poultry, rabbits and goats are in many cases little understood, and Miss Cust thinks

KING ALBERT.

A ROYAL GOOD-BYE AT
VICTORIA.

The King, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and Prince Henry were at Victoria Station in mail train to bid farewell to the King of the Belgians on his return to Brussels.

King Albert travelled in a special air-conditioned train, leaving Victoria at 8.57, and proceeded via Ostend.

King George and King Albert, the latter accompanied by his son, Prince Charles, drove up ten minutes before the time scheduled for the departure, and the Royal party remained in the waiting-room until warned that the train was about to start. Then they walked out on to the platform.

King Albert shook hands with the King and the British Princes and in saying good-bye to his own son, kissed him warmly on the cheek, and said some last words of farewell before stepping into the train.

Until the train had driven on from the platform King George and his sons stood, with their hands in their pockets, looking after it, and then passed back through the Royal waiting room to their cars.

At a certain high school it was customary for girls to be said before meals. The head girl was somewhat nervous and commenced: "O Lord, give us strength to eat this food."

should give the woman "vet" a capital opening. As a profession for women, the veterinary surgeon's has one great advantage in Miss Cust's opinion. It is not over-crowded as most occupations are nowadays, and there is plenty of room for anyone who will really work.

Experience is really the most important thing. A woman, when she has finished her four years' theoretical work, must not consider herself fully qualified without several years' practical work.

Miss Cust is keen on hunting, and has ridden with most packs in England and Ireland. Her chief interest to day, however, is centred in breeding pocket cookers, spaniels, and she is the only person in the world who has established a strain which breeds true to type.

A FORBIDDEN CITY.

THE HUGE WALLED
AFRICAN EMPORIUM.

In Nigeria one is aware that the country has a history and traditions. Nowhere, perhaps, does the fact impress the newcomer more vividly than at Kano. Until 1903 it was almost a forbidden city. In that year Sir Frederick Lugard entered it with some of the Nigerian regiment. In 1941 the first train entered its portals. And what portals they are! The walls are 10 feet thick and 12 miles in circumference. They are pierced by 13 immense gateways, with platforms and guardhouses and massive doors thickly clamped with iron. Its written records go back 800 years.

When the first Danish King, signed over England, Hansa, was conquered by an unknown people from the East, and the prosperity of the English towns was beginning to revive under Henry I, the first king of the invading dynasty, was building Kano. When Henry VIII was laying the foundations of a national government, the "rich merchants and most civil people" of Kano were entertaining Leo Africanus. In 1824 Clapperton entered this great emporium of the Kingdom of Hausa, which Barth 40 years later termed the "far-famed emporium of Central Africa."

Lugard, when he beheld it, said that he had not "imagined such a city existed in Africa." Picturesque by day, with numerous and gayly-dressed pedestrians and horsemen penetrating its tortuous and narrow streets, busy crowds around its markets, its shops, tanneries, and looms, Kano is still more picturesque when the moon floods its broad open spaces with light, and the shadows of its towers and minarets are cast across the dusty thoroughfares. Then, but for the occasional howl of a dog, this city lies wrapped in impenetrable silence. No one walks abroad. Yet you know your wanderer with noiseless steps through its labyrinth that behind those thick clay walls and closed doors the social world of Africa is awake and stirring, guarded from the alien.

A visit to the native market is a bewildering experience. In this tumultuous sea of humanity, shot with brilliant colours, details are swamped at first in general impressions. You are aware of a vast concourse of men and women, clad in robes of many hues—white and various shades of blue predominating; of tossing arms and turbaned heads; of long lines of clay-built houses where piled up merchandise awaits the customer; of incessant movement, of many tongues, of strange scents, and over all the blue sky and hot sun.

A SEA OF HUMANITY.

Keen featured men, women with elaborate coiffures resembling pictures of old Assyrian helmets, brush by. Other Hausa visitors from Katsina, Sokoto, or Ilorin, each with the distinguishing facial mark of his clan, six strokes with a dot for Katsina, three for Sokoto, and so on. Pale Filani from the country, the women wearing their straight hair in ringlets; the Nupe with his characteristic head-dress of red, black and yellow straw; thick-tipped Kanuris from Bornu and tall, lithe, Tausags from beyond Sokoto, or Aaben. Each trade has its quarter. Beneath the shelter of the booths vendors sit cross-legged, their wares spread out before them. Cloth of every hue and texture under the sun form the most important article of sale. The people of Kano made splendid cloths when the inhabitants of England were still savage tribes. Perhaps the most beautiful of all cloths is the Kano rigo, a sort of hoodless cloak universally worn by the better classes, covering the body from neck to knee. The products of native looms from hundreds of miles distant and enjoying special renown for some attractive peculiarity are to be had here, together with the manufactures of Europe; the white bullion or gown from Rome, the arigidi, or woman's cloth from Zaria, the faringodo, or plain white cloth from Ilorin, the majidi, or webbing made by the pagan tribes of Bauchi, and used by the Filani for girths; black, white, red, yellow and blue gowns, caps, fezzes, expensively embroidered trousers, sleeveless under-vests, velvet—all in endless variety.

LEATHER AND METAL ART.

In the leather quarter you will find great quantities of saddlery from Tripoli and also of local manufacture, highly ornamented bridles, stirrup-leathers, dispatch bags, Korans in leather cases, red slippers, purses, sandals, quilted horse-cloths, embossed and sword-

scabbards. An examination of the latter will disclose the interesting fact that the blades of the most expensive specimens bear Solingon marks, a curious example of the conservation of this interior African trade, for as far as the middle of the last century, Solingon sword blades were imported into Kano across the desert.

Next to the leather quarter you find silver, brass, and tinware; among the former, necklaces and earrings which would not disgrace a London jeweller's shop window, finger-bangles and anklets, partly tin, partly silver, brass arms and bowls, brass bracelets from Bida and necklaces of beads, Venetian and local, of agates imported from Tripoli and polished and cut at Bida, of different kinds of coral, or brightly coloured local seeds, such as the mubogany, which in its pod looks like a little jewel case.

Shells and shells in addition to the beads are devoted to the sale of numerous merchandise. There is a stall containing the workmanship of a local smithy, stirrup-leathers, locks for doors, every kind of agricultural implement, axes and knives.

Before nearly all the stalls sit men and women selling their wares; by their side, and apparently, no more carefully watched than the articles themselves, small piles of cowries and sometimes the nickel coinage, in tenths of pennies, and three-penny bits, representing the savings of the day.

HOT AND COLD.

BRITISH BATHROOMS AND
NOVELLISTS.

It is time, I fancy, that our novelists ceased making so much of the bathroom. Writes A. G. Thornton in the "Daily Chronicle." No really up-to-date writer will ever guarantee the morals of any of his characters, but he is extremely careful to point out that they all bath at least once a day. There were ten baths in a novel I read recently. The most popular job in the best weekly papers is the one which implies that there are yet people in England who only bathe once a week, and it is becoming as common to open a story with a bath as it is to open a review with the full company.

So many people have bathrooms nowadays that they are not novelly they once were; bathrooms have ceased to be the exclusive prerogative of the rich. The excuse for the novelists (a fine body of citizens), I suppose, the fact that we are still rather proud of our baths, b. and c. As a nation we have only been bathing with any regularity for the past fifty years. We look down upon the rest of the world (which never bathes) as utterly lost. Sans peur et sans reproche, our shield is a bath towel with sponge douchant. The rest of the world does not understand the reason for our contempt, and puts it down to our native idiosyncrasy. The rest of the world, I imagine, does not conceive itself as being unwashed to any extent. Perhaps it is better informed on the bath question, than we think, for I have it on sound encyclopaedic authority that (in England)

Even now the habit is limited to a comparatively small part of the population, and touching the question of public baths—

The comparison between English great towns and those of the Continent is not in favour of the former.

I don't want to upset our novelists (a hard-working, tax-paying, sober class), but I would point out the extreme silence of their Victorian predecessors on this important question.

THE RETICENT VICTORIANS. "Punch," in the fifties and sixties, I believe, used to regard sea-bathing as a humorous matter. Flackery's ladies and gentlemen, if I remember aright, seldom or never mentioned baths. In those days the climate was considered against bathing, and earlier still, the whole business was regarded as such a hazard that only men of proved valour went in for it. I refer to those old days when the Order of the Bath was instituted.

Only heroes were fit for baths in those good old days, and any knight called upon to receive this great, but desperate Order, always made his will, and sailed forth in full war regalia, attended by his anxious retainers.

But if our novelists are over-bathing their people, I do not say that the subject is not an interesting one, treated scientifically. If there is no Book of the Bath, I think it ought to be written pretty soon. The gas companies or the

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FASCIST SALUTE.

ITALIAN DELEGATION IN LONDON.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 13.

The Fascist salute—raising the right arm—was given by the Italian colony in welcoming the Finance Minister, Signor Volpi, and the remainder of the Italian delegation on their arrival at Victoria Station at midnight in readiness for the debt negotiations. Signor Volpi was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

LONELY MAN'S WILL.

"SLACKER'S" BARRED FROM BENEFITS.

LOYAL FRIENDS REMEMBERED.

"I have omitted from my will those among healthy men I used to know who have lived in luxury or comfort when the crisis arose, preferring self before country and stayed at home whilst the old men and lads from the cottages of England fought for them. They have had their share of good fortune."

This is the concluding paragraph in the will of the late Major William E. N. Dunn, M.B., R.A.M.C., Bath Club, Dover Street, W., and Brighton, who died in October, aged 54, leaving £23,012, with net personality £23,803.

His many bequests included:—
 £500 to the Sultan of Egypt for the time being for a "Jane Dunn" fund, in memory of his mother, the income to be distributed among the deserving poor of Luxor.
 £1,000 to "The Urban Council" for a "Jane Dunn Fund" for benevolent purposes.
 £100 to Lord Stafford of Swynnerton Park, Staffs., in order that he and Lady Stafford may purchase some little token in memory of the wonderful holiday they used to give me.

£50 each to Miss Fullerton and Miss Beauchamp, The Nook, Hamstead Heath, "as a tribute to the wonderful kindness they have shown to a sick and lonely man."

£100 to Annie Skinner, cook, "as a token of my gratitude for the encouraging words and devoted services when I was demobilised, broken in health for ever, and whose kindness I shall ever remember."

There were also bequests to a hospital attendant and hall porter at Luxor and a former U.K. postman, an annuity of £52 to Fanny Williams, of Penmaen, South Wales, his "mother's faithful friend and maid"; and the following among other legacies:—£100 to R. H. Kennerley, Rymond, £500 to Dr. Harold Seymour (Hove), £1,000 to Arthur Henry Dillon, and £1,000 to Dr. Ernest Bridges.

Another clause in the will reads: "Although I have been terribly handicapped with pulmonary tuberculosis in life since the day I took my degree at twenty-four years, yet I do not think that any man has ever been blessed with such true and loyal friends as I."

"This and the fact that I have been 'vouchsafed' the privilege of serving the sick and wounded British soldiers in the Boer War, and the Great War, leave me a proud and happy man, and as a tribute to their memory I bequeath to the British Legion £100, desiring this money be used in aid of the distressed ex-Service men in the county of Sussex."

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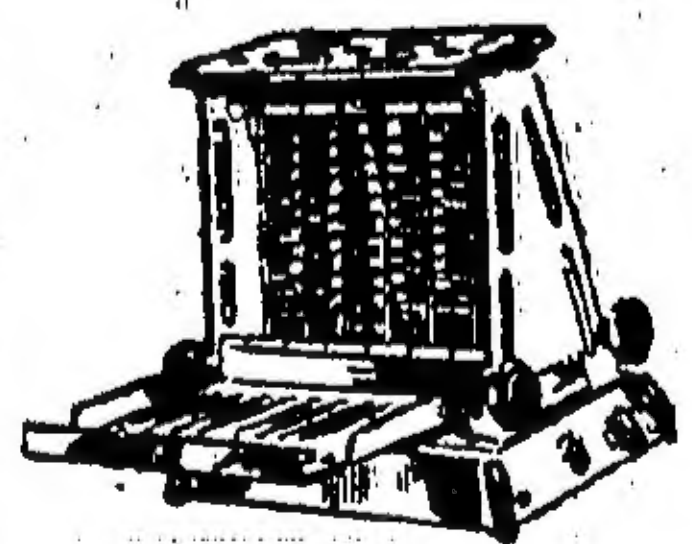
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DEATH.

ROSS.—On 13th January, 1926,
at Sea, Eric Munro Ross,
Chartered Accountant, partner
in the firm of Lowe,
Bingham and Matthews.

Hongkong, Thursday, January 14, 1926.

THE CHINESE LANGUAGE.

H.E. the Governor's peroration of his speech at the University's degree ceremony is most important. The case for a knowledge of the Chinese language has never been put so clearly and with such authority. The onus has been clearly established and demands consideration. We should like to add to the suggestion thrown out, and will indicate how in the course of this consideration. There may be difficulties in the path of the merchant acquiring a knowledge of Cantonese, but there are none in the case of the general body of mercantile assistants. The "China Mail" has consistently lauded the efforts of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce in providing facilities for study. Often, as we have pointed out, these efforts have been nullified by the transference of the student to another district where another dialect is spoken. The higher education of the Cadets in the Chinese language must be left to the Government, but what of the vast army of Government servants who are not Cadets, and who come more in touch with the general body of Chinese than do these officials? Grants are made to those who pass language examinations, but we question if the passing of such a test is a compulsory part of Government service. Should it not be made so? Should not every Government teacher have facilities for acquiring a knowledge of the language? It seems more important in their case than in any others. It is the young and impressionable who need the attention of those versed in their ways and in their speech. It does not follow, of course, that the millenium will be gained by a proper use of the spoken language, but we may be sure that misunderstandings would be cleared, and that vague fear which seizes whole masses of people at times of unrest and upheaval would be materially diminished. The art of the language first, and the right use of it, these are

essentials. With them should go some knowledge of Chinese history and a greater appreciation of a truly great people. Mr. Sun Fo has already expressed his appreciation of the Governor's qualities and his sympathetic attitude towards all things Chinese. It is an attitude which will, we hope, find copyists in growing numbers. It gives us great hopes for the future. The Colony is in safe hands.

No More Tetanus?

There will soon be "nothing new under the sun" if science and medicine continue to make the same ratio of progress as in recent years. The latest claim, made by Drs. Ramon and Zeiller at the Academy of Sciences in Paris, is the discovery of an anti-toxin which is a "thorough and lasting preventative" of tetanus. According to an accepted authority tetanus or lockjaw is a condition of muscular contraction aggravated by the occurrence of convulsive seizures, and is due to the action of a bacillus which has a terminal spore. It exists in garden earth and in stables, and finds access to the body by wounds. The bacillus generates poisons which travel along the nerves to the spinal cord or brain, and give rise to symptoms by irritating the nerve centres. It will doubtless be remembered that there was an enormous incidence of tetanus in the early months of the Great War. After sufficient supplies became available, orders were issued that prophylactic injections of anti-tetanus serum were to be given in all cases of wounds, however slight. Thereafter the incidence of tetanus practically disappeared. Hitherto serum has been credited with being the most important factor in determining success in the treatment of tetanus. In this connection the authority already quoted states that it may be given subcutaneously and used to bathe the wound, but after the symptoms are developed the only satisfactory method of administration is to inject it directly into the coverings of the spinal cord by the operation of lumbar puncture. It has also been injected under the coverings of the brain. The anti-toxin discovered by Drs. Ramon and Zeiller, who claim that it will give "permanent and complete immunity" from tetanus, can be injected even in large doses, without inconvenience, into all wounds liable to cause tetanus. When, as is promised, supplies of this new anti-toxin are distributed amongst medical practitioners, it will be of great interest to hear their views on what is undoubtedly a wonderful claim.

THEY SAY THAT—

If a newspaper chose to set out a list of the happy and hopeful things that have got themselves done lately, there would be much to chronicle. —The Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard.

The general spirit of the nation was far worse between 1793 and 1814 than between 1914 and 1918. —The Hon. John Fortescue.

Every time thought is driven underground, even if it is bad thought, it is a danger to society. —Mr. Ramsey MacDonald.

"Safety first" is a rotten phrase to instill into the minds of the public and of youth. —Lord Monagu.

Why is London not the first city in the world? —Mr. Disraeli.

You can be just as secure in running a parish as in running a drapery. —The Archbishop of York.

Had there been a Walter Scott for Ireland there would have been no Boundary Commission today. —Mr. Baldwin.

LUTHER'S TASK.

ASKED TO FORM GERMAN CABINET.

BLOW TO MONARCHISTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 13.

Dr. Luther has been called upon by President Hindenburg to form a Cabinet.

Delicate Position in Reichstag. Berlin, later.

Though Dr. Luther's prospects of forming a Cabinet of the middle parties are considered bright, in view of the certainty of support from the Centreists, Democrats, and People's Party, his Government is not expected to command a majority in the Reichstag, but be dependent on the Socialists and German Nationals as occasion arises.

It is universally anticipated that Herr Stresemann will remain at the Foreign Ministry. Ex-Chancellor Marx is mentioned for the portfolio of Minister of Justice.

Conservatives Chagrined.

Berlin, January 13. The Conservative Parties are chagrined at the refusal of the Socialists to join the Coalition as they calculated that the Socialists, if they entered the Government, would be unable to join the popular movement for a referendum on the question of the expropriation of ruling Princes. The possibility of such a referendum is disquieting to the Conservatives who fear a blow to the whole monarchical principle in Germany if the referendum proved anti-dynastic.

FRENCH FINANCE.

DISCUSSION ON DOUMER'S PROPOSALS.

SUPPORT FROM BRIAND.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, Jan. 13.

The Finance Committee of the Chamber, discussing M. Doumer's financial projects, decided by 22 votes to 6 to separate the questions of Budget equilibrium and amortisation of debt.

It was decided by 22 votes to 5 that revenue from M. Loucheur's tax scheme should be applied to reducing inflation instead of being credited to the Budget as M. Doumer proposed.

"Le Matin" says that M. Briand is determined to support M. Doumer's projects as far as possible.

Briand in a Quandary.

Paris, January 13. Parliament will reopen in an atmosphere of confusion. The condition laid down by the Socialist Party Congress (not to join the Government unless they were given a majority of the portfolios) and the decision of the Radical Socialists to reject M. Doumer's finance proposals have made the likelihood of M. Briand securing a majority in the Chamber of Deputies very doubtful. It is expected that M. Briand will defer submitting the financial proposals whilst he will attempt to rush through an Electoral Bill abolishing the so-called proportional representation and restoring the single-member constituency system with a view to the dissolution of Parliament.

DUTCH FLOODS.

N.E. WIND FACILITATES DRAINAGE.

FROST IMPEDES REPAIRS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.

A north-east wind is facilitating the drainage of the floods into the sea. The Ysel is rushing into the Zuidersee like a water fall. The movement of water is preventing it from freezing, but frost is greatly impeding dyke repairs.

The ex-Kaiser's wife has purchased a large quantity of woollen underwear for distribution amongst the flood victims.

GERMAN COAL.

HUGE SHIPMENT OFFERED IN NEW YORK.

REGULAR SUPPLIES EXPECTED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 13.

Several thousand tons of German coal were offered locally at 16¢ dollars per ton yesterday.

Dealers say that they expect to arrange regular shipments, because their customers strongly object to the high prices which have been up to now generally been available.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

January, 1926.
A CALENDAR. 11. Mon. Joseph Hume born, 1777.
12. Tues., I.L.P. established, 1893.
13. Wed., Auguste Comte died, 1857.
14. Thurs., Cardinal Manning died, 1892.
15. Fri., Henry Labouchere died, 1912.
16. Sat., Sir Ian Hamilton born, 1853.
17. Sun., Mr. Lloyd George born, 1863.

Of the nineteenth century leaders of Manning's religion who are borne in affectionate memory, particularly by the people of London, few stand higher than Cardinal Manning. There were greater theologians—Newman, the other convert to Rome, was one—but none so well combined the fire of religious zeal with a passion for social improvement of the workers.

Manning was ever an active social worker, overflowing with sympathy for the poor, and his work in the great Dock Strike is gratefully remembered by the East End even to-day.

He lived in the most frugal way, and could hardly be persuaded to eat enough to nourish his emaciated form, and yet this prince of the Church died worth only a few pounds. Probably no man who attained to eminence in modern times has reached so near to the austere and lofty ideal of the priest.

The Jews, like the Scots, specialise in stories against themselves. The following for which Irvin Cobb is responsible, seems as typical of a certain dry American humour as anything in Lord Aberdeen's collection is typical of Scottish humour. Two sympathetic friends called at a house of mourning in the Bronx. Mrs. Levinsky, wife of a wealthy white-goods importer, had passed away after a sojourn in the South. In the parlour the bereaved husband sat beside the casket. They advanced and looked on the face of the deceased. "Don't she look wonderful?" said one of them. "Why shouldn't she look wonderful?" asked the widower. "Didn't she spend the whole winter at Palm Beach?"

Chairs, which, with their standardised designs and efficient aids to comfort and movement, typify as much as anything else our present civilisation, only became popular in England towards the end of the Jacobean period, according to Walter Rendell Storey, writing in "The Antiquarian." "An inventory," he says, taken in 1628 at Gilling Castle, Yorkshire, mentioned only two chairs, although there were thirty-five stools listed. Even in 1669, when Charles II. entertained Cosmo the Third, Grand Duke of Tuscany, at dinner, the only chair was that provided for the guest of honour.

U.S.A. AND RUBBER.

SHORTAGE PREDICTED IN FOUR YEARS.

AN EXPERT'S OPINIONS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, January 13.

A world rubber shortage by 1930 is the forecast made by Mr. Palmerton, Chief of the Rubber Division of the United States Department of Commerce. In giving evidence before the Congressional Rubber Investigation Committee, Mr. Palmerton estimated that in 1930 there would be a shortage 37,000 tons, and the United States needed from a million to a million and a quarter acres of rubber to meet her requirements by 1930.

Philippines or Sumatra Scheme. New York, January 13.

The Rubber Association of America is considering a proposal to earmark \$10,000,000 annually for five years, to plant rubber trees in the Philippines or Sumatra.

MOTOR SHOW.

FAR EAST REPRESENTED IN NEW YORK.

TRANSPORT CONGRESS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 13.

The city is full on the occasion of the National Automobile Show and the World Motor Transport Congress. The latter comprises 50 countries, including all the British Dominions and the Continent, Latin American, and Far Eastern countries.

The agenda includes the study of American methods of manufacture and the inspection of the traffic-regulating systems.

SIR CHARLES ELIOT.

SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNISED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, January 13.

Sir Charles Eliot, G.C.M.G. (British Ambassador to Japan), has been appointed a member of the Japanese Imperial Academy, for his scholarly contributions on Philology and Buddhism.

The honour is most noteworthy, as Sir Charles is the first foreigner to be elected a member of the Academy.

AIRMAN'S MISHAP.

ALAN COBBHAM AND EXCITED NATIVES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Nairobi, Jan. 13.

In avoiding crowds of wildly excited natives Mr. Alan Cobham, who has made a flight to Africa, slightly damaged his machine in landing at Kisumu, in Kenya.

NOTED BURGLAR.

IMPLICATED IN FORGING NOTES.

COMPLETE INSTALLATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.

The recent arrest in Rotterdam of a man who was attempting to cash forged ten-florin notes has been followed by the capture of a confederate at Nijmegen, where the Police discovered a complete counterfeiters' installation.

The man arrested at Nijmegen is alleged to be a notorious German housebreaker.

RUBBER.

LATEST PRICES FROM SINGAPORE.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received a cable from Singapore advising that rubber is now \$1.46 per lb. and giving the enclosed prices.

The telegram also mentions that the following dividends have been declared:—

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Ayer Moleks	3.50
Ayer Panas	15.75
Balgownie	6.00
Bassett's	1.20
Brogas	2.00
Bukit Jelutongs	1.50
Bukit Katils	1.75
Changkat Serrangs	11.70
Comenaras	2.90
Genenales	3.40
Indragiris	11.50
Jerams	1.75
Jimahs	2.65
Kedahs	4.70
Kempas	10.75
Kuala Sidims	4.40
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Mayfields	15.00
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Pajams	15.80
Punggors	1.85
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Sandycrofts	5.25
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HONGKONG.

OUR PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE.

LATE GOVERNOR'S REVIEW.

COLONIAL INSTITUTE LUNCHEON SPEECH.

Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G., late Governor of Hongkong and Governor-Designate of Jamaica, was chief guest of the Royal Colonial Institute at a luncheon at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C., on December 15. There were twelve tables. The Rt. Hon. Lord Stanley of Alderley, K.C.M.G., presided, and at his table were Sir Reginald Stubbs, Sir Godfrey Lagden, K.C.M.G., Mr. William Meir, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Jamaica, Sir Charles Lucas, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Mr. J. Sandeman Allen, M.P., Rt. Hon. Sir Albert Spicer, Bart., and the Hon. W. Omsby-Gore, M.P. (Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies). The others present included Sir Frederick Jones, K.B.E., Sir Frederick Dutton, Mr. E. F. Macleod, Sir Campbell Rhodes, C.B.E., Hon. H. P. Cobhain, C.M.G. (Agent-General for Western Australia), Mr. Andrew Williamson, Mr. H. E. Miller, Sir Frederick Young, Mr. T. S. Baker, Hon. Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., M.D., Mr. E. J. Bolger, Mr. E. S. Cobbold, Mr. E. M. Janion, Sir Charles Addis, K.C.M.G., Lady Stubb, Sir Newton J. Stubb, O.B.E., Mr. H. D. C. Jones, Mr. Stanley Dodwell, Mr. L. N. Leefe, Mr. T. Stephen, Mr. J. C. Fraser, Mr. H. G. Pegg, Mrs. Patrick Ness, Lady Gould-Adams, Mr. W. Mosenthal, Mr. Walter Howard, F.C.S., Captain Oldfield, Mr. H. T. Chapman, P.C.S., Mr. Edward Salmon, Mr. F. A. Hook, Mr. W. M. Birks, Mr. G. A. H. Samuel, Mr. J. G. W. Rollason, Mr. F. G. Sale, Mr. R. H. Ferguson, Mr. G. C. Jack, Mr. W. B. Elwes, O.B.E., Mr. W. Chamberlain, O.B.E., Mr. Marshall Reynolds, Mrs. L. C. Reynolds, Mr. G. S. W. Smith, Lieut.-Col. R. Eccles Snowden (Agent-General for Tasmania), Mr. G. M. Boughey (Secretary), Mr. C. E. Ponsonby, Mr. Ben H. Morgan, Colonel Franklin, O.B.E., D.S.O., Mr. Flenness Barrett-Lennard (Chief Justice Designate of Jamaica), Mr. J. Salmond, Captain Baynes, Mr. J. H. Stead, Major F. H. W. Fox, Mr. H. C. Ames, Mr. W. de Salis, Mr. A. H. Boyd, Mr. J. Furrow, Mr. E. B. P. Jackson, Mr. Eric C. Buxton, Mr. T. Petrie, etc.

After the customary loyal toast, the Chairman briefly proposed the health of Sir Reginald Stubbs, who had just returned from Hongkong, where he had been Governor, and was now going as Governor to Jamaica.

Sir Reginald Stubbs, who was received with applause, said it was not a very easy thing to talk about Hongkong because, although he might perhaps be excused for regarding it as a place of great importance, he was afraid that view would not be shared. There were many who regarded it solely as a little red spot on the map, and he could only wish, in those trying times through which the Colony had been passing, that it had been possible to present it on a large-scale map, for he did not think that sufficient notice had been taken of the situation out there by the English papers.

The Colony's Development.

His great difficulty in speaking about Hongkong was that it was almost impossible to do so without dealing to some extent with the affairs of China, and that was a matter which, for many reasons, he did not desire to do—one of the reasons being present at the table at the moment. (Laughter.) Had he had the honour to accept their invitation to lunch about a year ago, he could then have told them facts about Hongkong which might be found in any book of reference. Hongkong was acquired in the early 40's for the purpose of a depot for English trade and a place where merchants who had been thrown out of Canton and even of Macao by the local authorities of Canton, who in those days were not quite so independent of the Central Government as they are now. Hongkong owed much to the colonising genius of the English and Scottish races. (Applause.) The Colony, when they took it over, was more or less a barren rock inhabited by a thousand or two of fishermen—and pirates whose successors still carried on the same trade. (Laughter.) In later years it had been converted into a really big city, clinging to the side of a somewhat precipitous mountain out of which sites had been hewn at great expense and with considerable engineering skill. Several of those present whom he was glad to see in Hongkong during his term of office would bear him out when he said that the Colony of Hongkong was

one of which they were proud. (Applause.) The buildings were good though excessively ugly. The roads were also good and admired by people from all parts. One of these rose to the top of the mountain with a maximum gradient of 1 in 14, and the road-surfacing of the Colony would challenge comparison with any he had seen elsewhere. The Colony's docks, in the hands of important companies, were able to take any except the very largest of His Majesty's ships, and he thought that, with any encouragement, they would be large enough to take any modern ship of commerce. They built many ships during the war, chiefly due to the efficiency and cheapness of Chinese labour. The shipbuilding and engineering industry of Hongkong, in his opinion, had a great future before it. Before he came away one of the dockyards was building ships for Australia.

Although the territory of Hongkong covered more than 400 square miles, a great deal of it was barren and useless for any purpose, and what remained was devoted to the cultivation of rice and vegetables for the Hongkong market. He feared there was no agricultural future before the Colony. Any form of agriculture that might be introduced would be in the way of providing for the needs of the town, which was growing very rapidly. They had been disappointed in their search for minerals. It had absorbed a good deal of gold rather than produced the coal they wanted. However, they had hopes of eventually finding it, but so far these had not materialised. If they did find it, which was very doubtful, they could produce their own iron and there would be no question whatever as to the future of the engineering industry. Hongkong at present was entirely dependent on South China, and South China in recent years had been very difficult to depend upon. He thought he was right in stating that for fourteen years there had been a state of war in Kwangtung Province, yet in spite of this disadvantage Hongkong was carrying on quite satisfactorily in every way up to the end of last year. Hongkong was one of the most lightly taxed places in the world—it managed to evade the income tax, it charged no customs duties, nothing except on liquors and tobacco, and its revenue had still been sufficient to enable it to carry on, contract for great works of public utility, draw up a programme of greater public works, and pass on to His Majesty's Government a sum of a quarter of a million sterling, as to which they had some doubts that it would be better employed in the making of the Singapore base. (Laughter.)

Difficulties Arise.

Up to June last the position was extremely satisfactory, and he, as Governor, looked forward to handing over to his successor a thoroughly "satisfactory" programme which he could carry on or after as he pleased. Unfortunately at that time there arose certain difficulties in other parts of China which caused friction between the Chinese and foreigners. The population of Hongkong was absolutely contented and perfectly peaceful, as Chinese are when properly governed. Unfortunately, the disturbance, which arose in other parts of China were used by persons from outside of China to stir up the reservoirs of the criminal class, always large in China and particularly so in Kwangtung owing to the fact that for years they had been at war. The crops of the peasantry had been destroyed and a large proportion of the population had taken up as a profession what they previously regarded as an avocation, piracy and brigandage. It was impossible to deal with them satisfactorily with the use of the Navy, because attacks were made from inside the ships by pirates posing as passengers with the assistance of and connivance of the crew, and also because it was always possible for the pirates to find a safe refuge on the China coast within a few miles of their attack. The problem of piracy had, for the present, solved itself because there was nothing to pirate. (Laughter.) But when normal times arrived he feared that the problem would have to be faced once more. He thought it would be necessary for the Admiralty to supply a considerably larger number of small gunboats than had previously been available, because, although it was not a safe method, there was a great deal to be said for a system which had already been carried on with a considerable amount of success. In fact, it would be some years before Kwangtung would be able to do what it did for some years previously—provide additional armed launches for the suppression of piracy and brigandage at its own expense.

The Government of Canton, which was a changeable body of some independent nature in that it professed to be the Constitu-

tional Government of China and obeyed no constitution or government, fell into the hands of Bolshevik agitators from outside. It was no use ignoring plain facts. The plain fact was this: the agitation was started in Canton against Hongkong by Russian emissaries in Canton. The Government of Canton was undoubtedly in their hands, and the insulting documents received in Hongkong from Canton passed through them. The result of having this Red régime in power in Canton was that they made a determined effort to ruin Hongkong. They made no secret about it, and then proceeded, in a very careful manner, to terrorise the unfortunate labourers of Hongkong. The labourers of Hongkong were as contented as any that might be so classed in the world. The only serious grievance they had was that the cost of living was enhanced by excessive house rents. The real cause of this was the cost of forming sites in Hongkong and to get a reasonable return on the outlay the charges for rent were high. At the same time, there was a shortage of houses in the Colony. They took steps to deal with the situation in a manner possible in Hongkong, but he did not think it could be remembered elsewhere—they simply prohibited the increasing of rents. (Laughter.) And when this step had been taken the only real grievance was removed. It was true the Chinese worked for small wages, but they were an economical race and could live on little, and so far they had survived, very well their contact with Western civilisation. On this somewhat reluctant material Canton began to work, first by intimidation and second by threats.

The Red Terror.

The intimidation was worked in this way: they called out the workers by degrees, starting with the domestic servants. But they found to their surprise that, having been warned by an experience of two or three years ago when they had a general strike, the European people of Hongkong were quite prepared to face life without servants. "I never suffered myself," said Sir Reginald Stubbs, amid laughter, "because I forewarned my staff it would be better for them to stay with me than go to Canton." The inducement they were offered was free lodging and free food, or twenty cents a day instead of food. It was about the time of the Ching Ming festival, a holiday time, and many of the servants, deluded into accepting, went to Canton, where they were provided with lodging of a kind, but not as a rule with the twenty cents. He did not know if the Government provided the twenty cents, but if it did, the money did not get as far as the strikers. (Laughter.) Having proceeded to force the reluctant ones by threat, a singularly easy thing to do in China. Lots of the Chinese came from the provinces, where they left their wives and children, and if they had neither, they had their ancestral tombs, and these they threatened. Anybody who knew the reverence the Chinese paid to his ancestors would realise that that was a very serious threat, and it brought out many people who were entirely reluctant to go. They then proceeded to call out the guilds, including that of the sanitary and scavenging staff of the Colony. Thanks to able assistance rendered by the Chinese members of the Council and other leading Chinese, the Government was able to capture a certain number of persons who are going about the town intimidating people. The Chinese were easy to intimidate. All that had to be done was to whisper to a Chinese, "Take care, or you will see a thing." The authorities succeeded in capturing a number, who were preventing Chinese from returning to work—and he again emphasised the fact that they had no grievance—a word in the ear, and they simply left their work. Having caught some fifty of these intimidators and having got them sentenced to a reasonable term of imprisonment, he extended the prison regulations in a way which made it possible to employ such persons on necessary sanitary work. (Laughter.) For this, of course, he was singularly unpopular, because most of the intimidators were either toughs from Canton who had learned nothing but piracy, and many others were students, and the long-coated class had never had any particular desire for work of any kind. (Laughter.) The practice of casual intimidations then died out, but there were one or two attempts of a bolder character. These were dealt with through the Labour Protection Society, which was formed, and it protected labour by preventing people from interfering. The results were very interesting, and successful, and after one or two trifling instances the process of intimidation entirely ceased, except by the use of the telephone.

method was to ring up the head boy of a house and tell him he was to come out. This succeeded in bringing out the whole staff, which caused great inconvenience to some people who allowed their servants the use of the telephone. By the time he left, however, intimidation was over, and he might say, in justification of the course which he had taken, that one of the last documents he had in his hands before he left was a letter from one of the labour guilds in which they began by saying they appealed to him in the matter because they had confidence in him that he was a sound person of right judgment and would do the right thing. (Laughter.) So the course he took was not so unpopular after all. (Laughter.) That it was unpopular in Canton he knew from reading a very interesting paper called the "Canton Gazette," edited, he thought, by a Chinese educated in America. He had no detailed news of the situation since he left, except that it remained pretty much as it was, with occasional disorders on the border which increased in number until he was compelled to tell the patrols to return fire. He fancied these had been resumed, and he had no doubt that cases would recur till the trouble ended. When that would be was another matter. He could not tell how long it would last, but he had great faith in the good sense of the Cantonese, and he thought they would be able to rid themselves of the Red elements of the present situation.

South China Railways.

If there was no disorder in South China Hongkong had a great future, and for this reason: it rejoiced in the possession of one of the shortest and one of the most expensive-to-build railways in the Empire, the line connecting Hongkong with Canton. They had not run one through train for at least a year on account of these troubles. On the other side of Canton there was a line which extended some hundreds of miles in the direction of Hankow. There were about 250 miles required to complete it, and there was a line of only four miles required to join the Kowloon-Canton and the Canton-Hankow lines. When these were built there was no question that the trade of South China, which came through Hongkong, would be very much greater. He could not see any possibility of Hongkong being cut out by any other port, nor was there any convenient port in the neighbourhood. The Cantonese were talking seriously about developing Whampoa. They might develop it into a new port by spending large sums of money, but, far from hurting Hongkong, it would only do it good. They could never get large steamers up there, and it was obvious Hongkong was, and would remain, the best place for transshipment. In the question of competition between Hongkong and Whampoa, there was no doubt Hongkong would win, and Hongkong could always meet competition by making itself an entirely free port. He did not think there was any reason for Hongkong to fear such competition. One important thing was the completion of these two railway lines. The Hankow line would require a considerable amount of capital, but if China returned to peace he had no doubt the British-China Corporation would find it. With regard to the other line, the link between the Hankow line and the Hongkong line at Canton he

thought of financing that through Hongkong firms years ago. Unfortunately, it was impossible at that time to get the Canton Government to agree to anything. Dr. Sun Yat-sen was at one time quite prepared to work with the British Government, but the opportunity passed. Dr. Sun died, and the result of his death was that the power passed into the hands of certain persons, his supporters, who had neither his capacity or his tolerance. That was the beginning of the Bolshevik movement in South China. In conclusion, Sir Reginald said he was afraid he had somewhat wearied them with his speech, but the subject of Hongkong was not an easy one at present. He thanked the members of the Royal Colonial Institute for their hospitality and their kindness in listening to him. (Loud applause.)

This concluded the proceedings.

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Looking at the talent to be found in the Russian Imperial Light Opera Company the public has good reason to expect something out of the ordinary when the Company open their short season of three nights on Saturday next. This Company is intended as a fore-runner of what is likely to develop into one of the largest theatrical enterprises in the Far East. The intention is, at present, to tour the Far East only, taking in all countries from Japan to India.

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A Filipino was sentenced at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to six weeks' imprisonment for stowing away from Manila on board a Dutch vessel.

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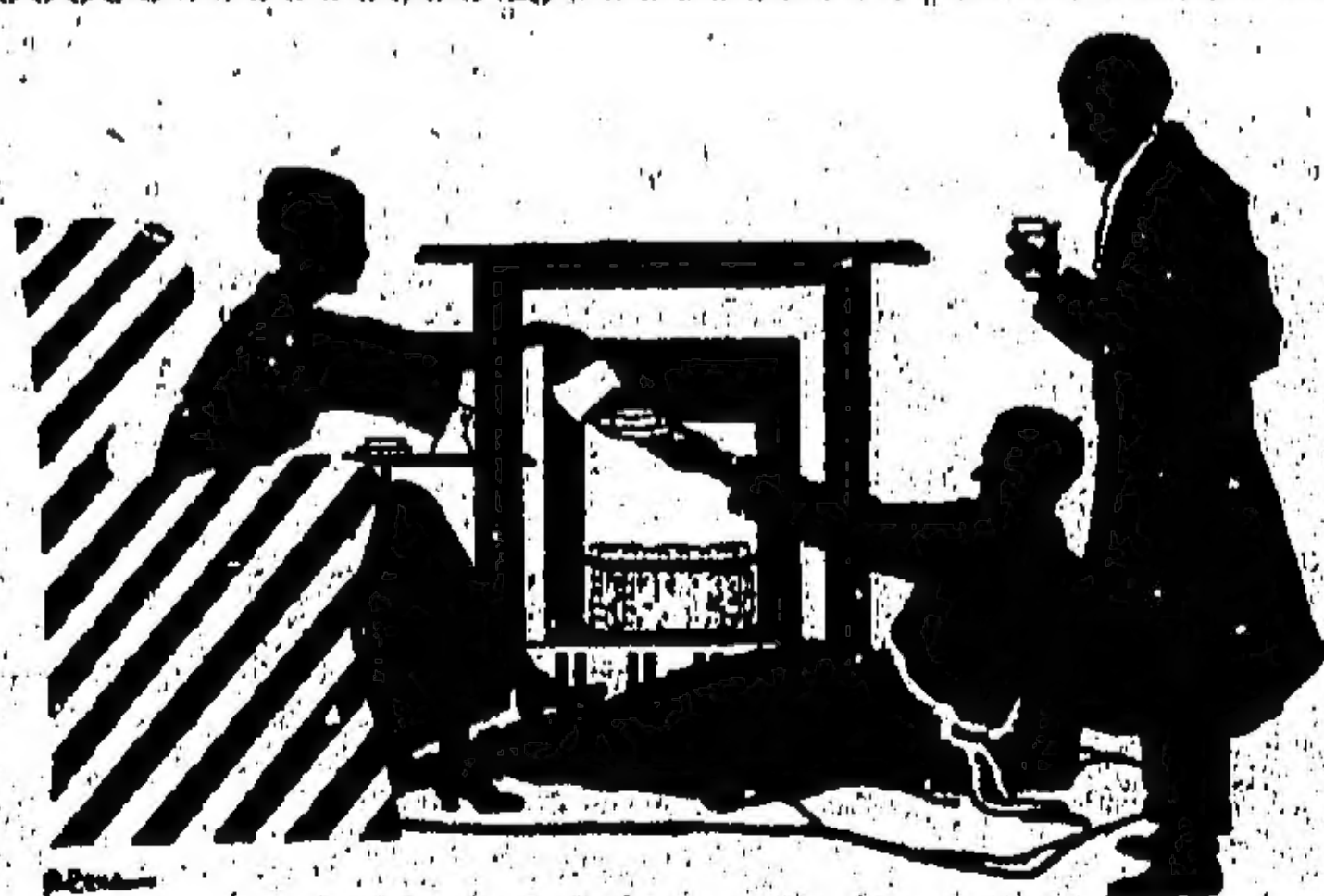
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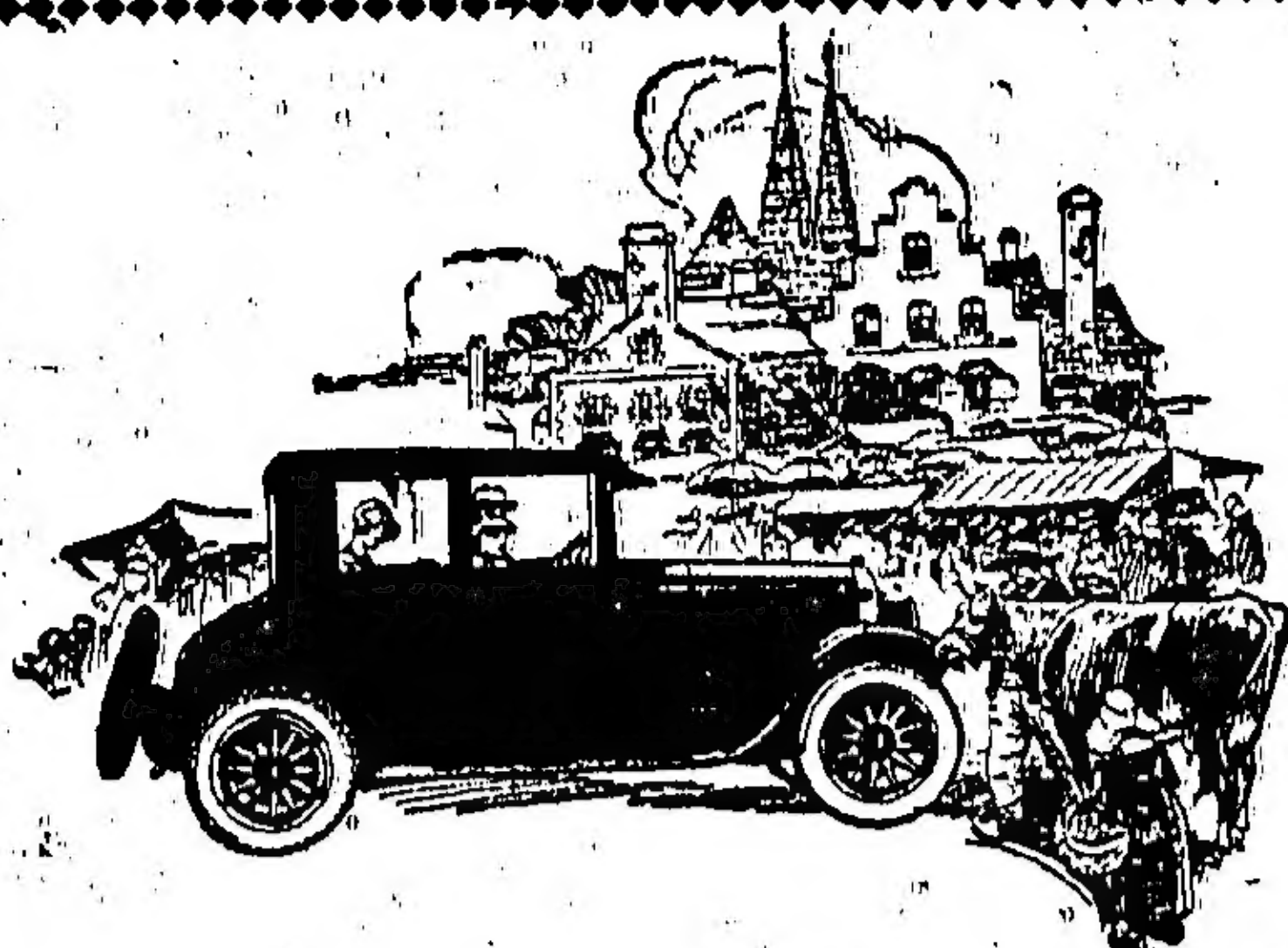


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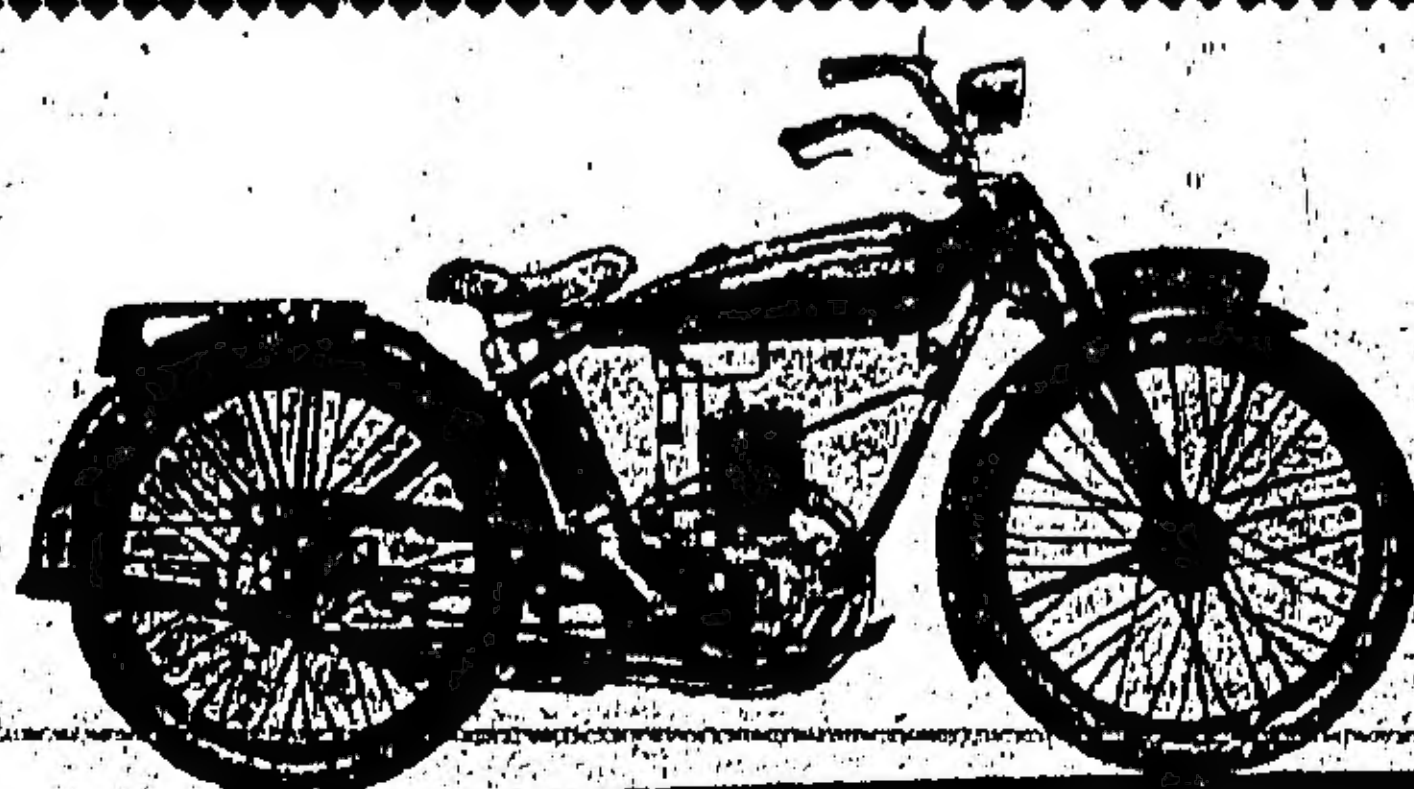
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

There were no cases of notifiable diseases to report for the 24 hours ended Tuesday.

The annual meeting of shareholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral is to be held on the 26th inst.

"Eyestrain in relation to Industrial life" was the subject of an address delivered by Mr. D. Desmond of the American Optical Company at the weekly meeting of the Shanghai Rotary Club.

The silk shipped per s.s. "President Jackson," which sailed from this port at 5 p.m. on December 11, arrived New York at 1 p.m. on January 4—having been 23 calendar days and 20 hours in transit.

Captain E. B. B. Towse, V.C., C.B.E., the blind chairman of the National Institute for the Blind has issued this striking S.O.S.

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That some sections of French opinion have no desire to remain in Syria is proved by the following extract from "Le Journal":

In a few months' time our renewable mandate for Syria expires. Let us give back to the League of Nations its mandate. The Syrians complain of our administration. We, too, are dissatisfied. We have enough to do with our own affairs. Let whoever likes look after Syria. We cannot spare our blood and our money.

There is to be a Tea dance at the Lee Gardens on Saturday next from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Municipality of Paris on December 23 celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the first public showing of a motion picture machine which was able to project life-size figures in motion.

When knocked down by a Royal Mail van in Fore Street, City, James Snow said, "The driver is not to blame." "A very gallant act of a perfect Englishman," commented a solicitor at the inquest, when a verdict of accidental death was returned.

The Johore Church Building Fund now stands at about \$6,000. The designs are in the hands of Messrs. Boucher and McNeill, who have generously agreed to give their services. It is hoped that they will commence this month.

"Ma" Ferguson, the woman governor of Texas, is threatened with the loss of her position because she pardoned ninety-seven criminals on Thanksgiving Day. Answering her critics Governor Ferguson retorts that a large-hearted compassion is, or ought to be, woman's special contribution to public life.

Viscount Hambleden, presiding over the Hospital Savings Association annual meeting gave wonderful evidence of what can be done with pennies. For three-pence a week contributors are covered against hospital, dental and optical expenses. Already the annual income of the affair is \$120,000.

A tiny gland, about the size of a pea, in the base of the brain is responsible for the "incomprehensibility" of women and explains that privilege she claims of being able to change her mind. It is Professor Clement Jeffery, the fashionable Park Lane manipulative specialist who has made the discovery.

"How far down can I drink?" asked an emaciated boy admitted to a London hospital when a nurse gave him a cup of milk. He was one in a family of thirteen and his father has never earned more than £2 10s. a week.

As in previous years, the surveys required in connection with the Institute of London Underwriters' Approved List of Frozen Meat Stores have been carried out by the Society's Surveyors, who have inspected over 8,600,000 cubic feet of cold storage space during the period under review.

Shanghai will have the pleasure of a visit from members of the "Round-the-World Golf Club" next month. This group of golfers left New York by the C.P.O.S. liner "Empress of Scotland" on December 3, bound for a golfing trip around the world in which Shanghai will play its full part.

On their way to ascend Mount Tatyama to the Fujihashi Hotel for practising skiing, a party of thirty students encountered a big avalanche between Ashikura and Fujihashi. Three of them were swept into the River Shomoyo and sustained serious injuries. A later report states that a relief party of about fifty young men arrived at the scene of the disaster and rescued the students. None of them were killed. It is believed that the three injured will survive.

Bristol, where housing shortage is serious, was surprised to hear from the chairman of a corporation committee that a Ministry of Health official had stated that private builders could not rely upon receiving the subsidy after September next. This unexpected change of the Ministry's policy, it was stated, would hold up important housing schemes. It was decided to represent to the Ministry the probable disastrous effects of this new move.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Rev. E. T. Loader of the local C.M.S. is helping the Rev. B. C. Roberts in Selangor, and will later act at Seremban.

Mr. G. G. Wood of Messrs. Leigh and Orange returned from home by the "Hakone Maru" which arrived yesterday.

The wedding of Mr. Arthur Kew to Miss Rose Abington, takes place on Thursday next, at 3 p.m., not 3.30 as originally arranged.

There was a large attendance yesterday at the Victoria Home and Orphanage when Lady Clement distributed prizes. The Bishop of Victoria presided.

A reception will be held on board s.s. "Taiping" from 8 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, when Captain Hamilton and officers will be at home to guests prior to the ship's departure on her maiden voyage.

A representative of the Singapore "Free Press" met Dr. Boon Keng and endeavoured to obtain from him an expression of his views upon Chinese affairs. The Doctor, however, refused to be drawn, pointing out that he was supposed to be an educationalist and it was very hard to talk about political matters. Whatever one said, even things that were friendly, were, he stated, immediately twisted and distorted.

The Rev. W. F. Barfoot, late acting Chaplain of St. John's Church, Ipoh, writing to a friend in Ipoh, apologises for his silence since he left Ipoh early in the year for his home in Canada, and says that he has been most of the time seriously ill with brain fever. He took ill whilst travelling through the United States and is only now convalescent. The Rev. Mr. Barfoot made many friends whilst in Ipoh and took a close interest in local Y.M.C.A. work.

Mr. Eric Rice, Special Commissioner of the Overseas League, wrote very encouragingly to Headquarters of his visit to Cairo. "During his stay in Cairo," says "Overseas," Mr. Rice, with the help of several of our local supporters, enrolled a further sixty members there. He tells us that it is impossible to overestimate the great help he received from Mrs. Lomas, the wife of H.B.M. Consul. We thank Mrs. Lomas and other friends in Cairo for their valuable services. Mr. Rice is now in Hongkong.

Mr. W. G. Stirling, F.Z.S., of the Chinese Protectorate, and Mrs. Stirling have returned to Singapore from England.

Mr. Daniel Melsa who visited Hongkong as a member of the World Famous Quartette, playing the violin is to visit Shanghai on a special engagement.

Mr. J. Noda, Vice-Consul of the Shanghai Japanese Consulate-General, has been promoted to Consul and has been ordered to proceed to his new post at Changsha.

Mr. G. C. Valpy has been obliged to retire from the Maunyan Civil Service on grounds of health, and is now on pension. At present he is living in Beaminsters, Dorset.

Mr. D. H. Lawson, formerly Advertising Manager of "The China Press," who returned home several months ago, has been appointed general manager and director of advertising of "The Morning Sun," the leading newspaper of Long Beach, Cal.

Official announcement was made recently at the meeting of the Wisconsin University Board of Regents that Dr. C. A. Hedblom, who, it will be remembered, was for three years connected with the former Harvard Medical School in Shanghai, will become chief surgeon for the Illinois General hospital on February 1.

Moscow theatrical circles express resentment over the long absence from Russia of Feodor Chaliapin, famous operatic basso. Many attempts had been made by the theatrical authorities, without effect, to persuade him to return to Moscow this season. While not stating definitely that he had forsaken Russia for good, Chaliapin declined to fix a date for his return.

The Choir Carol Singers sang at the various hotels on the evening of the December 23, says the Singapore "Cathedral Monthly Paper." The splendid sum of \$671 was collected through the hotel managers. The Europe Hotel headed the list with \$416. The choir also sang at Tanglin Barracks, and ended up at the personage, where light refreshments brought a happy and successful evening to a close. The money was given to St. Andrew's Medical Mission.

Mr. Josef Koenig and Mme. Vera Tchernetskaya, talented violinist and pianist, respectively, recently arrived in Tokyo from Russia to become staff artists at the Tokyo Radio Broadcasting Station.

The Right Hon. Sir John Tilley was received in audience by King George at Buckingham Palace on December 1 and kissed hands upon his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and plenipotentiary at Tokyo. Major L.R. Hill had also the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace upon his appointment as Military Attaché at Tokyo.

That entering the ministry is not always "the resource of men unable to earn a living at more mundane employment" is proved by the Rev. William Birch, of All Saints, West Gorton, Manchester. Such is his skill at toy-designing that a London firm has offered him a post at £800 a year. Mr. Birch began life as a fitter in engineering shops, took holy orders later, and now for no money consideration will he leave the work he loves.

A telegram received in Kobe brings word of the death of Mrs. Mabel Sammann in Shanghai on December 19. Mrs. Sammann was a former prominent member of the American community in Kobe. She left Kobe on May 29, to join her husband, Paul E. Sammann, who shortly before had opened offices in Shanghai. Mr. Sammann was proprietor of the firm of Paul E. Sammann and Company which maintained offices in Osaka and Shanghai. Mrs. Sammann had lived in Kobe for six years. She is survived by her husband, three sons and a daughter. No details were given as to cause of death.

Mrs. Kate Perugini, the sole surviving daughter of Charles Dickens, the famous novelist, recently celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday. She was born at the Doughty Street, London, home of the novelist, and, after a somewhat successful career as a painter of children's portraits, was married to J. Alston Collins, the artist and author. Collins died in 1872 and his widow married another artist, Charles Edward Perugini, an Italian. Although Mrs. Perugini had never embarked upon the writing of novels, she is said to have inherited the talents of her famous father, being a bright and witty letter writer.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

RUGGER NOTES.

COMMENT ON THE LAST MATCH.

BETTER PASSING NEEDED.

[By "Cross-bar."]

The first win in the triangular rugby tournament has gone to the Club, and on last Saturday's play they stand a good chance of winning the so-called "Rugby Cup." They won by the narrow margin of two points, but that was good enough.

On the whole both teams put up a good show and were pretty well matched in all departments, but the midship to Rothwell considerably weakened the attack of the Navy. There is no saying what the result would have been if the "blues" left-winger had remained sound all through the game, but such misfortunes are very frequent in the "carrying code" and must be reckoned as all in the game.

Both backs played well and made few mistakes, although there were times when they found it difficult to find touch.

The "threes" were both good and bad—faulty handling and wild passing by the Club lost them many a good scoring chance, but what they lost in attack they made up in defence, especially towards the end of the second half when the Navy were on top and did everything possible to secure a third score which would have given them the victory.

Lammert was in good form. Besides his clever try, he did many useful things which paved the way toward the Club's success.

Tinker was a sound centre. He played throughout with great credit. Though Rothwell was "crooked" early in the second half, he defended well; prior to his disablement he was dangerous, and gained valuable ground for his side by some smart runs.

Ralph, if anything, had the pull over Rowe at the base of the scrum, but there were times when both were unfamiliar with the exact position of their stand-off, with the result that many passes went wide of the mark and were taken advantage of by the opposition. "Northwood played a 'stuffy' game but his great tendency to hang on to the ball was overdone when it would have paid to pass out to his threees.

One lot of forwards were as good as the other both in heeling and in the loose, and it was worthy of both packs, in fact of both "fifteens" to fight out such a hard game in such a sporting spirit.

LADY GOLFERS.

LATEST ACTIVITIES AT FANLING.

The winner of the tombstone competition (ladies' section, Golf Club) played on Fanling new course on Tuesday was Mrs. Davison, who completed her strokes at the end of her drive from the 20th tee.

Mrs. Stafford won the prize for the hidden hole.

Mrs. Alan Cameron presented the prizes.

The draws for Ladies' Championship and Captain's Cup are as follows:—

CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mrs. Pearce v. Mrs. Beavis.
Mrs. Cassidy v. Mrs. Rowley.
Byes—Mrs. Redmond, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Fitzroy-Williams, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Percy.

The first round to be played by January 18; the second by February 1; the third by February 15; the final to be arranged for later.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Mrs. Morrison v. Mrs. Evans.
Mrs. Ferguson v. Mrs. Cassidy.
Mrs. Hannibal v. Mrs. Griffin.
Mrs. Murray v. Mrs. Lewis.
First round to be played by January 20; second round by January 30; third round by February 8.

A CLOSE GAME.

NAVY WINNERS OF SIM SHIELD.

HOCKEY CLUB LOSE AGAIN.

The Royal Navy became winners, this season, of the Sim Shield by defeating the Hongkong Hockey Club (holders), for the second time, at the U.S.R.C. yesterday, by the odd goal in three. The Navy has drawn with the Army in one game and beaten them in the other, while the Army gained the points in their first game with the Club and have still to meet the Civilians again.

Yesterday's game was easily the finest seen in the series and both sides played a strenuous game. One goal each at half time was a fair indication of the play. Good movements by the forward lines saw fortunes fluctuate rapidly. It was only bad luck which prevented Woodward from finding the net and making the score even, when he received from Owen Hughes, a few minutes before the close.

With a pretty off-hand stroke, Evans finished a good movement by Owen Hughes and Hett after ten minutes play. Nicholson retaliated with a good goal ten minutes later. After the interval Nicholson scored again with a first shot which skimmed past the goalkeeper's pads into the net. This was all the scoring.

Without in any way reflecting on the part played by individuals, it may be said that one of the hardest-worked on the Club side was Martin. For the other side Simpson played a brilliant game and with Wauchope made some timely clearances. Both the custodians did good work, Hamilton especially saving wonderfully on one occasion. The Navy forward line combined to perfection.

The teams were:—
Club:—E. W. Hamilton; C. L. R. Becker, A. P. T. Farquharson; E. F. Stewart, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), Rev. E. W. L. Martin; H. Owen Hughes, A. S. Hett, W. Woodward, B. D. Evans, A. Dyer Ball.
Navy:—L. Carwood; Lt. Wauchope, Lt. Emley; Lt. King, Lt. Simpson (capt.), Lt. Broome; Lt. Wilson, Lt. Nicholson, Lt. Sillicoe, Lt. Com. Bower, Lt. Andrews.

CLUB "A" TEAM.

The following will represent the Club "A" team against the University "B" at 5 p.m. on the Marina ground, Kowloon, tomorrow—A. J. Frank, H. C. Macnamara, J. C. Middleton-Smith, D. A. Rushon, J. Wedlake (capt.), W. A. Newman; J. A. H. Plummer, T. P. Saunderson, J. C. Thomson, V. Ramsey, J. S. Forsyth.

TENNIS TOUR.

HOME MIXED TEAM'S 2ND DEFEAT.

RESULTS IN DETAILS.

(via Colombo.)

Johannesburg, Dec. 23.
The British lawn tennis team sustained the second defeat of the tour in their return match with Southern Transvaal, losing by 4 matches to 6.

The tournament took place in sultry heat which affected the Britishers.

Miss McKane was unable to meet Mrs. Peacock in the singles owing to slight indisposition.

A feature of the tourney was the first defeat in the tour of Godfree and Miss McKane.

The results were as follows:—
Winslow (Southern Transvaal) beat Crole Rees, 4-6, 6-3, 8-6.
Farquharson (Southern Transvaal) beat Summers, 6-2, 7-5.

Mrs. Everitt (Southern Transvaal) beat Miss Ridley, 6-3, 6-2.

Miss McKane and Miss Colyer (Great Britain) beat Mrs. Pitt and Mrs. Peacock, 6-0, 6-4.

Godfree and Eames (Great Britain) beat Malcolm and Kirby, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Mrs. Peacock (Southern Transvaal) beat Miss Watson, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Farquharson and Hayward (Southern Transvaal) beat Crole Rees and Summers, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Winslow and Mrs. Wood (Southern Transvaal) beat Godfree and Miss McKane, 3-6, 6-4, 10-8.

Mrs. Watson and Miss Ridley (Great Britain) beat Mrs. Moor and Miss Tandy, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2.

Eames and Miss Colyer (Great Britain) beat Dodd and Mrs. Hall, 6-1, 6-1.

Mrs. Peacock was selected for the Mixed Doubles; the Ladies' Doubles and the Singles for the second test on December 28.

HOME F. A. CUP.

LATEST REPLAYS IN 3RD ROUND.

CORINTHIANS "KNOCKED OUT."

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 13.
Replays in round 3 (proper) of the F. A. Cup resulted:—
Arsenal 1, Wolverhampton 0.
Crystal Palace 2, Northampton 1.
Manchester City 4, Corinthians 0.
Burnley 0, Cardiff 2.
Liverpool 1, Southampton 0.
Preston 1, Derby 1, after extra time.

In round 4 on January 30 the winners are paired as follows:—
Arsenal receive Blackburn or Preston.
Crystal Palace are at home to Chelsea.
Manchester City play on their own ground, Huddersfield, the league champions.
Cardiff receive Newcastle.
Liverpool visit Everton or Fulham.

League Games.
League matches (also home team given first) resulted:—
Div. III (South).
Bournemouth 1, Bristol City 1.
Scottish League.
Hibernians 4, Morton 1.

League tables to date are:—
Division III.
Southern Section.

Goals.
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Plymouth 22 13 6 3 62 33 32.
Reading 23 11 8 4 37 27 30.
Bristol City 24 12 6 6 43 29 30.
Brighton 22 12 4 6 51 40 28.
Northants 22 11 4 7 46 40 26.
Millwall 22 10 5 7 40 24 25.
Southend 22 12 1 9 47 36 25.
Swindon 23 10 5 8 42 35 25.
Gillingham 23 10 4 9 33 29 24.
Watford 22 9 5 8 37 45 23.
Norwich 24 8 6 10 32 40 22.
Verthys 22 7 8 35 38 21.
Exeter 23 8 4 11 44 47 20.
Luton 23 8 4 11 38 46 20.
Newport 22 7 6 9 27 38 20.
Bristol Rovers 23 8 4 11 33 30 20.
Charlton 20 5 9 6 19 22 19.
Aberdeen 22 7 5 10 35 46 19.
Bournemouth 23 6 6 11 30 54 18.
Brentford 23 8 2 13 34 55 18.
Crystal P. 22 7 2 13 38 45 16.
Q. P. R. 22 4 6 12 21 39 14.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Goals.
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Celtic 23 16 4 3 57 21 36.
Airdrieonians 24 15 2 7 63 35 32.
Motherwell 25 13 7 6 45 30 31.
St. Mirren 25 13 5 7 44 30 31.
Hearts 25 14 3 8 48 43 31.
Falkirk 24 12 6 6 43 37 30.
Rangers 25 13 3 9 51 34 29.
Hamilton A. 24 10 5 9 53 45 25.
Dundee 26 9 7 10 32 38 25.
Cowdenbeath 24 10 4 10 56 47 24.
Kilmarnock 24 10 4 10 49 55 24.
Aberdeen 26 9 3 12 30 40 23.
Dundee U. 23 8 5 10 29 41 21.
Morton 24 8 4 12 37 47 20.
Hibernians 25 8 4 13 46 47 20.
St. Johnstone 24 8 3 13 29 51 19.
Partick T. 23 8 2 10 39 47 18.
Raith R. 24 8 2 14 37 47 18.
Clydebank 24 5 5 14 37 55 15.
Queen's Park 24 6 1 17 35 61 13.

£14,000 PURSE.

WORLD'S WELTERWEIGHT CROWN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 13.
Mr. David Smith of Aberdeen has offered a purse of £14,000 for a fight at Edinburgh between Mick Walker of America and Tommy Milligan of Scotland, for the world's welterweight boxing championship.

KBARN'S TERMS.
New York, Jan. 13.

Replying to Mr. David Smith's offer Jack Kearns (Mick Walker's manager) has announced that he has requested \$100,000.

The opinion prevails that most likely terms will be satisfactorily arranged.

The following team has been chosen to represent R.E. v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI in a junior league cricket match this Saturday, at 2 p.m.—Lt. Col. Mackintosh, C.B.E., Captain Bridgeland D.F.C., Q.M.S. Jacob, Q.M.S. Farrow, S.S. Higgins, S.S. Kelly, L/Sgt. Blondin, L/Sgt. Jones, L/Cpl. Hollands, Sapper Goodyard, Sapper Durrant, Umpire: Q.M.S. Jannaway, Scorer: Q.M.S. Gillam.

LAWN BOWLS.

BRITISH TOURISTS IN NEW ZEALAND.

RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

(via Colombo.)

Latest results of games played by the British lawn bowls team are:—
Auckland, Dec. 21, Britain 187, Auckland 176.
Auckland, Dec. 23, Auckland 186, Britain 181.
Auckland, Dec. 24, Britain 187, Auckland 164; Auckland Executive 103, Britain 83.
Hamilton, Dec. 26, Britain 74, South Auckland Test Team 74 (tie).
Rotorua, Dec. 30, Rotorua 169, Britain 143.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

THE HOLIDAY GAMES.

(via Colombo.)

London, December 25.
Results of matches played to-day in the rugby union are as follows:—
Lancely 21, London Irish 3.
North 14, London Welsh 0.
Aberystwyth 14, Ebbw Vale 0.
Swansea 20, Watsonsians 16.
Cardiff 15, Devonport Services 15.
London, December 26.
Following are the results of the principal matches played by teams in the rugby union to-day:—
Bath 11, Old Blues 14.
Blackheath 18, Racing Club de France (Paris) 6.
Bristol 6, Pontypool 0.
Cardiff 9, Coventry 11.
Gloucester 39, Old Merchant Taylors 10.
Leicester 16, Birkenhead Park 3.
Newport 26, Watsonsians 6.
Richmond 16, Old Fettesian Loretians 4.
Swansea 12, Cross Keys 4.
Lancely 13, London Welsh 11.

The results of the principal matches played to-day under rugby union rules are as follows:—
Bristol 0, Old Merchant Taylors 3.
Leicester 14, Barbarians 9.
Newport 13, Racing Club de France (Paris) 0.
Swansea 3, London Welsh 0.
Northampton 14, Mosley 0.
In the county rugby championship, Somerset beat Gloucestershire by 10 points to 9, at Gloucester.

ICE HOCKEY.

ENGLAND LOSES AFTER EXTRA TIME.

(Reuter's Service.)

Davos, Jan. 13.
In the European ice hockey championship, Switzerland beat England by 5 goals to 4, after extra time.

The match was very keenly contested.

FIRST DEFEAT.

BRITISH TENNIS TOUR IN S. AFRICA.

HANDICAP OF CONDITIONS.

(via Colombo.)

Johannesburg, Dec. 16.
The British lawn tennis team sustained their first defeat in the tour when they were beaten by Southern Transvaal by six matches to four.

The British team put up a better show than the score suggests. They were handicapped in judging the bounce of the ball under different conditions. Results:—
Malcolm beat Crole Rees (Britain), 6-3, 18-11.
Miss Joan (Britain) Ridley beat Mrs. Green, 6-1, 6-1.

The Blackbeard brothers beat Godfree and Summers (Britain), 6-1, 6-2.

Miss Smith beat Mrs. Watson (Britain), 1-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Miss McKane and Miss Colyer (Britain) beat Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Smith, 9-7, 6-2.

Raymond and Condon beat Eames and Crole Rees (Britain), 6-1, 6-3.

Condon beat Summers (Britain), 6-3, 7-5.

Miss Watson and Miss Ridley (Britain) beat Mrs. Everitt and Miss Hopkins, 6-1, 6-3.

Godfree and Miss McKane (Britain) beat Lesueur and Mrs. Peacock, 6-4, 6-1.

C. B. Blackbeard and Mrs. Everitt beat Eames and Miss Colyer (Britain), 7-5, 6-3, 8-6.

HOMELESS GIRLS.

HOME AND ORPHANAGE WORK.

A KOWLOON INSTITUTION.

The work of the C.M.S. Victoria Home and Orphanage, Kowloon, during 1925 was reviewed at the annual prize distribution by Lady Clement yesterday.

In the course of his remarks, the Rev. A. D. Stewart remarked on the sad histories of some of the girls sent them by the S.C.A. Some had been rescued from kidnappers, some from purchasers, and two had been found wandering homeless and friendless in the streets.

One who was found sitting on a door-step, was thought to be a newly bought slave. Two were sisters, their mother was killed in a landslide, and it had not seemed wise to those in charge of the case to give them to any of the people who put in a claim for them.

We are sorry, said Mr. Stewart, that five of these girls found the restraint of school life too irksome, and we had to let them go back to the "Po Leung Kuk"—one Chinese, receiving home. The new rules in Hongkong regarding slave girls have been responsible for at least one new girl coming to us. She was undisciplined and wilful, but is improving and beginning to do well at her lessons.

The attendance included Lady Clement, the Right Rev. Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. C. B. Duppuy, Lady Pollock, Mrs. Holyoak, Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Lindsay, Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Arrowsmith, the Revs. A. D. Stewart, W. H. Hewitt, W. T. Featherstone, T. B. Powell, and T. Scott (Chaplain of the H.M.S. "Hawkins"), Mr. P. Sands, Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mitchell and many others.

PARACHUTE FALL.

ADVERTISING "STUNT" FOR SATURDAY.

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A parachute descent is to be made on Saturday afternoon by a tin advertising a well-known food and in connection with which a guessing competition is to be held. At 3 o'clock, it is arranged that a pilot representing the First Dutch Aviation Company, who have a Caudron biplane here shall drop over Hongkong a large parachute plainly marked "Lactogen," and there will be suspended beneath it a cardboard replica of one of the Lactogen tins.

The competition lies in guessing the altitude at which the parachute is released, so it is necessary to watch out for its dropping. Guesses at the height at which it was released should be written on a piece of paper in English, French, and the name of the competitor added in either English or Chinese. These must be forwarded to the Nestle Milk Co., Hongkong, and there are 100 prizes for those whose guesses are nearest to the figure certified by the pilot.

For the three nearest guesses there will be three special prizes. The 100 prizes will consist of ladies' vanity cases, manicure sets, Nestle's Milk, Nestle's Chocolate and tins of the famous food, Lactogen.

BENEFIT DANCE.

SUCCESSFUL ROOF GARDEN FUNCTION.

About 250 attended the dance at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday evening in aid of the dependants of the late A. B. Bachelor when a splendid programme of dance music was rendered by Barnicot's Orchestra who organised the dance and gave their services free of charge.

The evening passed off very pleasantly and successfully, thanks to the arrangements made by C. P. O. Carter, of H.M.S. "Tamar," assisted by Miss Marchant of the Hawkins, and by the staff of the Hongkong Hotel.

Thanks are due to the following for sale of tickets: The Management, Hongkong Hotel, Mr. Wiltchell, King Edward Hotel, Mrs. Wood, Alexandra Cafe, Mrs. Palmer, Café Wiseman, and Mrs. Scott, the Peak.

Mr. M. R. Davis, the Chief Engineer of the Indo-China s.s. "Lai Sang," who was well known to shipping men in Hongkong and on the China Coast, succumbed on Wednesday at Singapore to double pneumonia and pleurisy. He joined the Indo-China Company in May, 1914, and had held for the most part on the Calcutta run. The news was cabled to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., from Singapore yesterday.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 14, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	77 1/4	76 1/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1060 b	\$1060b 1070r	\$1060 b.
Chartered Bank	£129 n.	£21 n.	£127 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£20 1/2 n.	£20 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£13 1/2 n.	£13 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	£8 1/2 n.	£8 n.	£80 n.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	500 b.	600 n.	\$600 n.
China Underwriters	2 1/4 n.	2 30 n.	2 s.
North China Insurance	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	—
Union Insurance	253 b.	253 n.	\$253 b.
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	36 b.	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 s.	600 n.	500 n.
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People and Events in the News of the World



"No devil can buy my soul, because he hasn't got enough money. This soul is of divine origin and cannot be purchased." - 1915. 25 years ago. Feodor Chaliapin.

FEODOR CHALIAPIN

Feodor Chaliapin, famous basso, prides himself in looking and acting like the devil in "Faust" and "Mephistopheles" on the stage. But he insists that Satan has no mortgage on his soul for foreclosure after death. This is his answer to Moscow reports that he had sold his soul to the devil.



MISS EVELYN MACKAY

Evelyn Mackay, one of the New York Smart Set, defends the girls who prefer "cabaret" to society. She said that the "elders" are driving the younger element to the night clubs.



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Archbishop Curley of Baltimore issued a message to the Maryland archdiocese that "God save our Republic from the so-called reformers who never thought of beginning a reformation of themselves." George Arliss, veteran actor, stricken in Boston, is reported recovering. George Bernard Shaw holds four hours' work would be ideal. Major General Amos A. Fries, in his report on chemical warfare, holds that the United States is lagging woefully in that respect.



PEARL HOWELL

Her telegram, "Bob and I are to be married" stopped the search in New York for Pearl Howell, night club dancer. Her mother said Pearl's sweetheart, "Bob," is Robert Reed, Jr., wealthy shoe manufacturer's son. The lower photograph gives an idea of Pearl's dancing prowess.



NELLE DUNHAM

"Nellie" Dunham, seventy, champion fiddler of Maine, made the snowshoes on which Peary walked when he discovered the North Pole.



MRS. GEORGE JONES

Mrs. George Jones, white mother of the quadron bride of Leonard Kip Rhinelander, was mercilessly cross-examined at the sensational annulment suit brought by her son-in-law.



GRANGE STARS AS A PRO

The Phantom Flier, in his start as a professional football player, was snapped as he caught a punt and darted off for a gain of thirty yards before a crowd that netted him \$20,000. In Chicago, where he played halfback to the Bears against the Cardinals.

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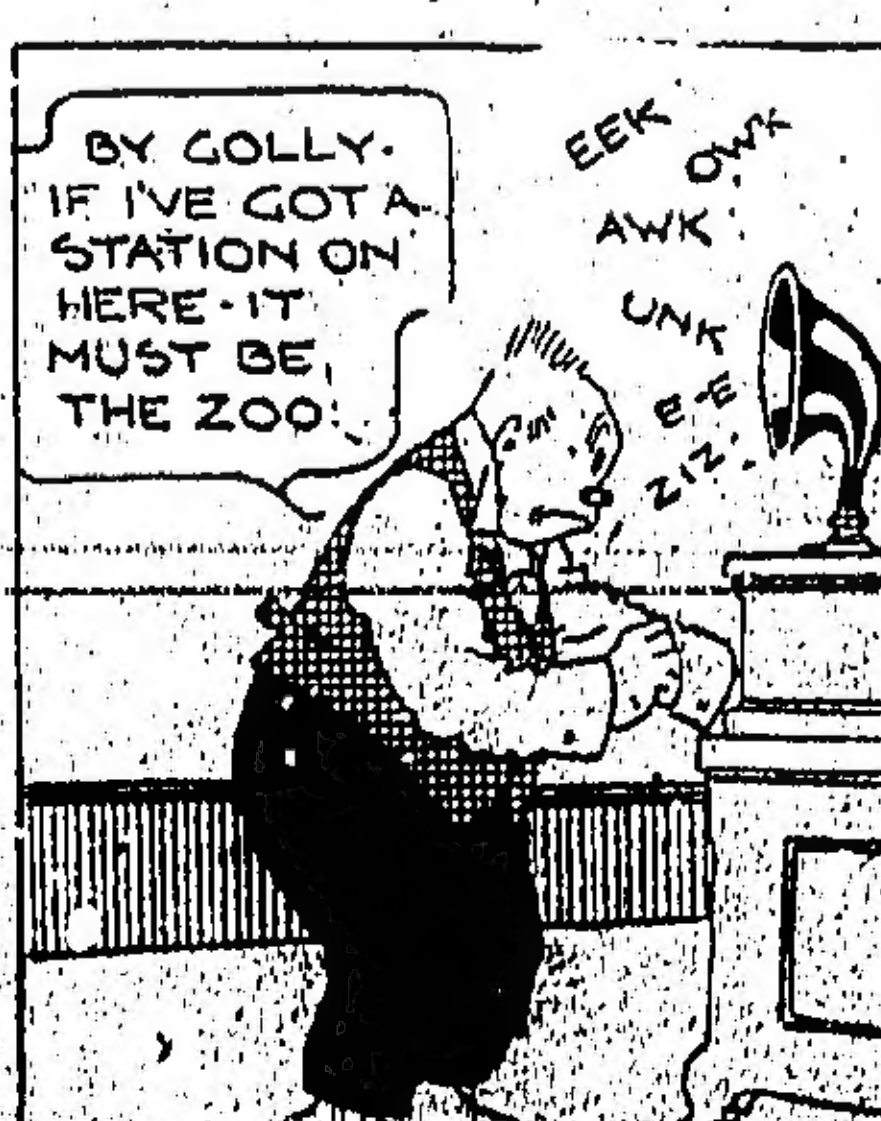
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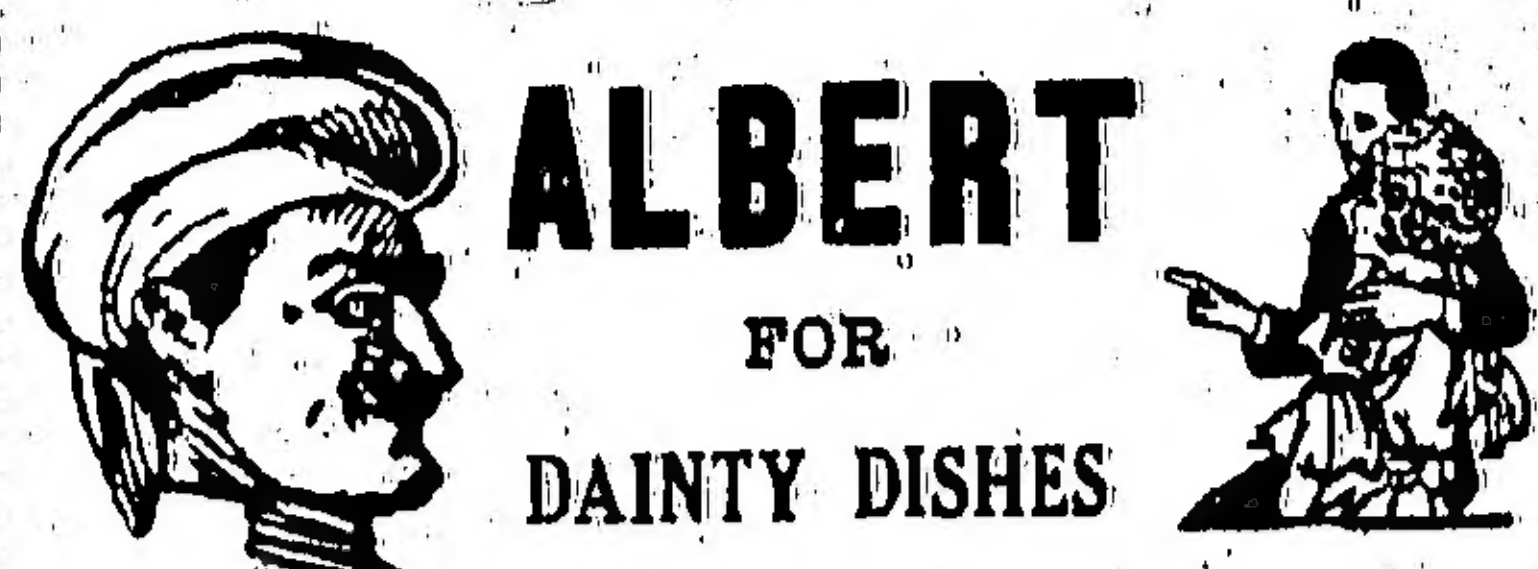
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"I would rather be punished as a man who has made a mistake than be exonerated as a liar. I take the full blame." In these words Jeremiah Pritchard, driver of a motor train, giving his evidence at the Ministry of Transport inquiry held at Llandudno, Wales, recently, accepted responsibility for a collision on the L.M.S. Railway at Llandudno. The motor train and an ordinary passenger train collided and nine persons were injured. Pritchard said he would be 69 at Christmas and by next May he would have completed 50 years' service. He knew the signal was against him and he intended to pull up when he reached it, but the guard made the remark, "We have to go to Conway this time." That distracted his attention, and he passed the signal without stopping. (London "Daily News.")

Baby Like Old Man.

How a wizened baby, with the ailments of an old man of 80, is gradually regaining his youth as he approaches the age of two, was told by his father, Mr. Joseph Cohen, of Highgate, (Eng.), recently (states the London "Daily News"). "Six months ago there was no life in him," he said. "He would lie motionless just where you put him down. He never cried. He had no teeth. He could not sit up. We took him to many doctors and specialists, who were interested in the case, but all declared there was no hope of saving him. Then, six months ago, we took him to Dr. Damogion, the solar ray specialist. He was not sure he could do anything at first, but now tells us we shall have a normal boy eventually. Baby is growing stronger, teething normally, he cries (and we encourage him) has a perfect dimpled skin, and is beginning to take an interest in things. No milk whatever, raw fruit juice, grated apples, cereals, and eggs—that is his diet—and he has sunlight treatment three times a week." Coincidence.

Novelists are sometimes accused of straining the long arm of coincidence too far in order to make a situation; even of putting it right out of joint. Remarks "Mark Over" in "The Outlook." "I have made complaint more than once on this score, myself. One novelist I know justifies himself on the ground that the strangest coincidences in fiction can be paralleled in real life; and after hearing of an extraordinary example of the long arm, I begin to believe that he is right. Here is the example. A nurse from a

London nursing home went the other night to a fancy dress dance. As she had no fancy dress she went in uniform. During the evening she fell in talk with another guest, a woman, who, making conversation, asked if she was really a nurse. The nurse assured her that the uniform was working and not at all fancy dress; and added that she worked at a nursing home. When she gave the name of the nursing home the other sat up in surprise, and explained that she had heard only that afternoon that a friend of a friend, whom she knew slightly, had gone into that very nursing home for an operation. That was strange enough; but when she added: "Her name is Mrs. Thus and Thus," it was the nurse's turn to sit up. For it was from the bedside of Mrs. Thus and Thus, one of her two particular patients of the moment that she had gone off duty and to her dance! When you think of the number of nurses and nursing homes in London, and the number of patients in them, and work out the chances against this particular combination of

happenings, I think you will agree that nothing the novelist could imagine would be much more unlikely. For me, after this, the long arm can be stretched to encircle the world twice without evoking the tiniest squeak of protest.

Wisdom and Generosity.

Mr. Bernhard Baron, the philanthropic head of the firm of Carreras, who has celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday by making large gifts to charities and to his workpeople, has small need to complain of the usefulness of money so long as he uses his own to such good purpose. "What is the use of money to me?" he asks, and by way of answer proves how useful it can be to other people, when wisely and generously bestowed. There is something absolutely right about this method of celebrating a birthday by giving instead of receiving. Here is a rich and successful man, after a long, useful, and busy life, giving back with both hands the symbol of his success, so that others may benefit by it as he has done. He has made much out of life, and now he gives back much. After all, a round three-quarters of a million must be accounted a generous gift, even from a millionaire! If all millionaires were to exhibit an equal munificence they would surely become among the very greatest of the world's benefactors. Mr. Baron is to be heartily congratulated.

SAD FOR THE UNFIT.

To be sound and fit is to-day a matter of absolute necessity. The preservation of good health by men and women alike is now more important as a national asset, and every care should be taken to guard against the inroads of winter disorders such as chills, rheumatism and influenza, for these ailments often enfeeble the system for many months. People cannot keep well and resist disease if their blood is not strong and rich. It is usually weak or impure blood that causes them to break down under worry and develop nerve weakness, and it is poor thin blood that most frequently causes girls and women to change into pale, unhappy delicate creatures with bent backs, weak limbs and no interest in life. Good rich blood makes all the difference between sound health and misery. Your first duty is to be well and keep well by refreshing your vital organs with rich, red blood. This can be done by a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, for, as a blood maker and nerve tonic, these Pills have no equal. They are not merely stimulating but are a true tonic and strengthening aid to the system. They make men strong and women well. Start Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People to-day. All dealers sell them (except nothing else) or post free, \$1.50 per bottle, \$3 for 4 bottles, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kingsway Road, Shanghai. FREE—A useful Health Guide will be posted without charge to all readers who send a postcard request for a copy to the above address.



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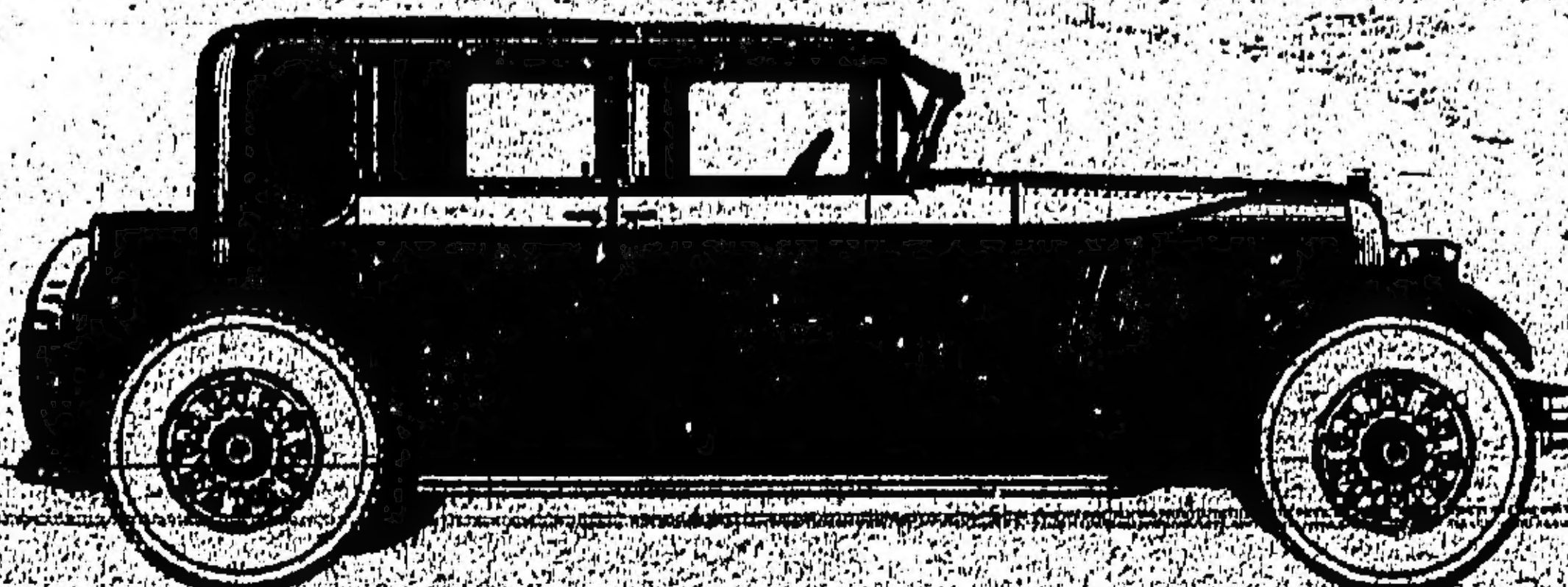
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MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

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The Nash Motor Company has declared a stock dividend of 900 per cent.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

THEATRE ROYAL.

JANUARY 14th, 1926, at 9.15 p.m.

FOURTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

MAIN EVENT:

Fifteen Round Contest for the Featherweight Championship of the Colony and the Scott Harston Belt.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 27th January, 1926, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 15th January to WEDNESDAY, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1926.

LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions—

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Yue Lee Yuen to sell by Public Auction for account of Messrs. Yue Sang Chong, No. 176, Des Voeux Road, Central (1st Floor), on SATURDAY, the 16th January, 1926, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

3,000 Bags Java White Sugar Dutch Standard 25 and Higher.
The above goods are now stored in the Godowns of The China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., West Point.

(Should intending buyers wish to purchase smaller lots than stated above, it will be necessary for them to inform the Auctioneers before the Sale.)

Terms:—As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 12, 1926.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races close on SATURDAY, January 23, 1926, at 8 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary, c/o Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date.
Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hongkong Club or Linstead & Davis.
Hongkong, January 5, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Third Day, 7th Race, 3rd March, 1926.

THE UNITED SERVICES CUP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the conditions for this Race have been altered and should read as under:

CONDITIONS.—A Cup will be presented to the Winner with \$400 added. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Pottery "the bona fide" property of and to be ridden by Officers of H.M.'s Regular Forces. "Solo Pottery" leased by Officers will, for the purpose of this Race, be considered as the "bona fide" property of such Officers. Catch weights of 160 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. One Riding (about 7 Furlongs 55 yards).
Hongkong, January 4, 1926.

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